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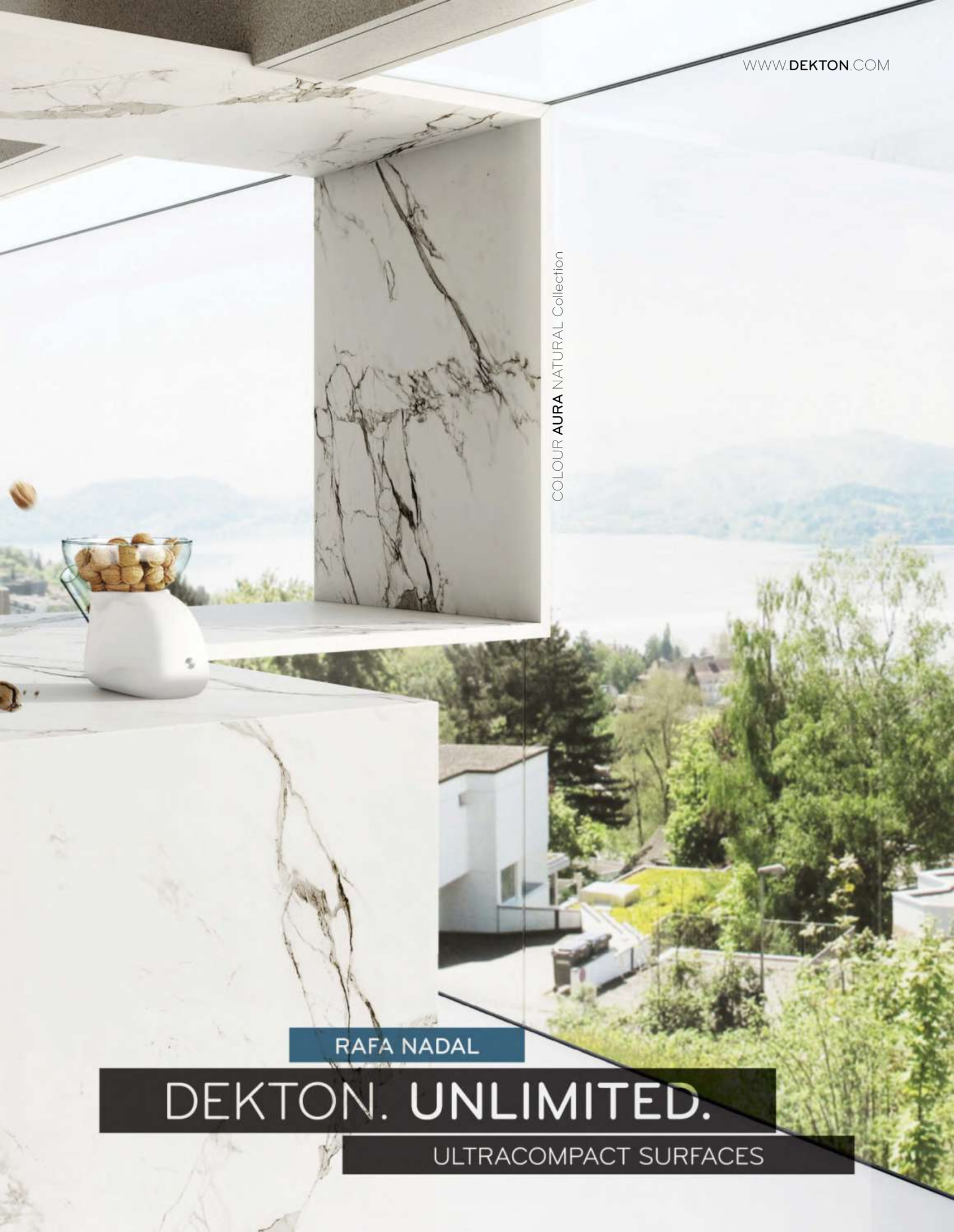
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Ingrid Hazelspring and her son Harry with their Boston terrier pup Stella.

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A quality kitchen made for a family

The time-old adage, "If you don't first succeed then try, try again", paints the picture of the kitchen that Ingrid Hazelspring successfully renovated.

Ingrid set forth to overhaul the box-like dimly lit kitchen of her 1988-constructed three-level townhouse and consolidate it with an adjacent laundry room, managing product selections and construction herself. Unfortunately the renovation came to a screeching halt when the inferior kitchen joinery was delivered.

Ingrid reflects, "The sub-par joinery was not going to be installed in this now grandiose space that was to be my family kitchen". Recognising her costly misjudgement, the joinery was returned.

In a conundrum over the kitchen renovation turning sour, Ingrid, together with her son Harry, set off on a 6-month overseas adventure leaving the unfinished kitchen as a distant memory.

Returning home with renewed enthusiasm for the renovation project, Ingrid considered what she wanted in her new kitchen and sought professional advice. Darren Genner and Minosa Design were commissioned to create a quality kitchen that was user friendly, comfortable, easily maintained and durable.

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Ingrid Hazelspring

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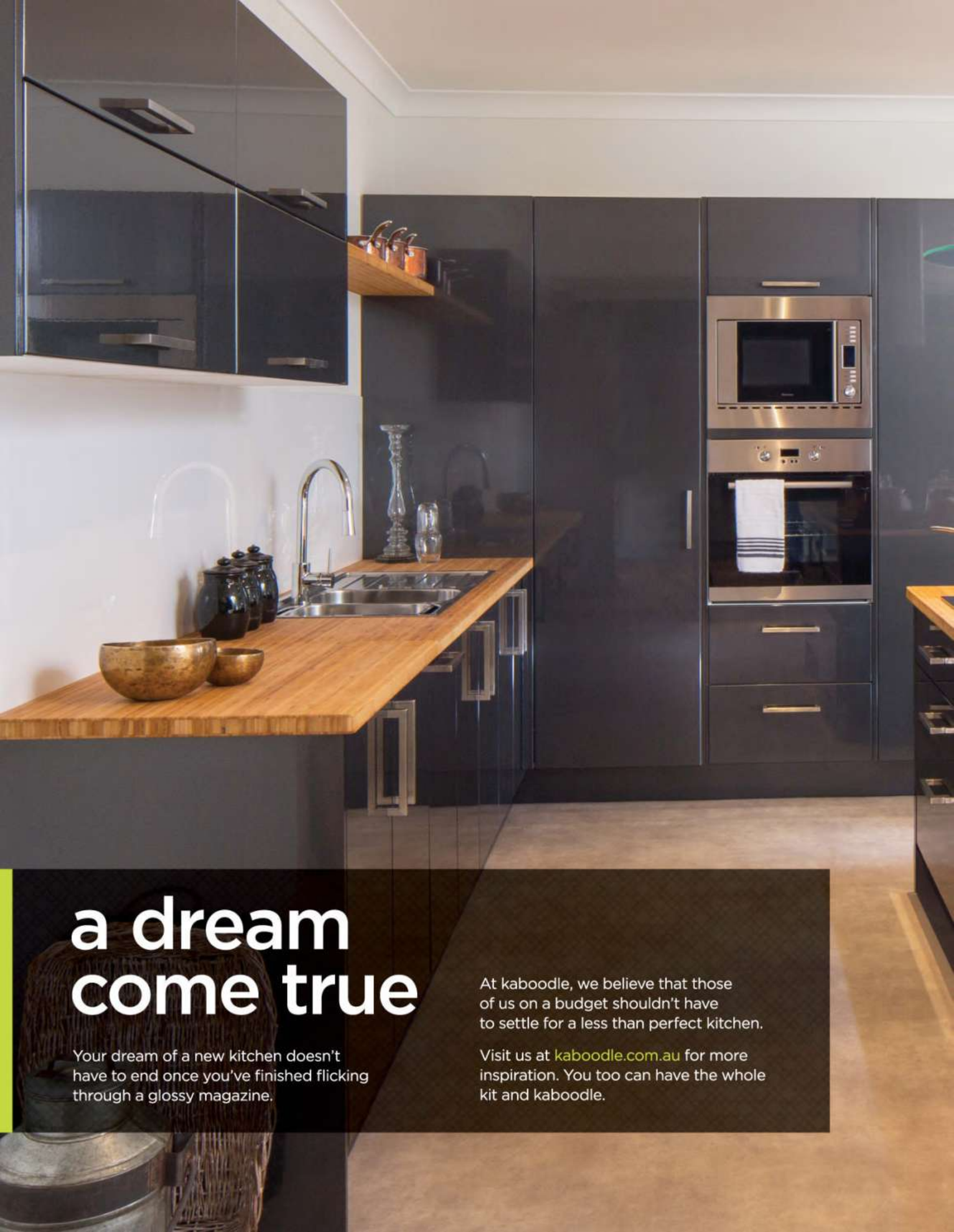
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FROM THE EDITOR



EDITOR'S PICK

Nadia Lim reveals what it's really like to eat food in the nude! Turn to page 40 to find out more...

Spring has sprung, and so has our gourmet spring issue of *Kitchens & Bathrooms Quarterly*!

Spring conjures up many images. Rebirth, regrowth and the thawing of the earth – especially after our coldest winter in years! We decided to harness these ideas of spring, and so we have dedicated this issue to sustainable living.

Recently, I had a chat with New Zealand celebrity chef and dietician Nadia Lim about her new business, My Food Bag, which she has recently launched in Australia. She spoke of how her exciting Nude Food philosophy is set to change the way we think about food.

Going Organic on page 50 highlights what sustainably sourced kitchens actually are and why sustainable design is important to consider when renovating.

A Green Thumbs Up! on page 58 identifies integrated indoor gardens as a new kitchen design trend that also has unbelievable benefits for our wellbeing.

This issue is also our gourmet edition. Spring is a time when we're thinking about new and exciting summer delights and the appliances we will use to make our foray into the gourmet.

In *Peeking in the Pantry*, on page 46, we ask prominent chefs and foodies what gourmet means to them and the must-have appliances they use to make their favourite dishes. It'll have you cooking like a gourmet chef in no time.

Also in this issue, we congratulate the designers who were named the best of the best in Australia at this year's KBDi awards in Cairns. And speaking of top design, our eight-page *Reno Rumble* exclusive, starting on page 63, lets you choose your unique kitchen style inspiration from 12 striking Freedom Kitchens designs.

With a range of gourmet product pages, our much-loved Western Australian design showcase, and a bumper 386 pages of design innovation from top designers around the country, you're set to have the best spring renovation ever.

Let's get designing!

Carla



We've been blending up a storm here at *KBQ*! Find out which nutri-blender received our Tried & Tested tick of approval on page 76.



What's your *Reno Rumble* style? Find out on page 63.



It's our Western Australian designer showcase and we just love each unique project, such as this one by The Maker Designer Kitchens.



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Some other highlights of the day included a Unicorn Hamburger Mini Cakes cooking demonstration by Katherine Sabbath, and a walk through the Australian Cake Decorating Championships exhibit, featuring award-winning novelty and wedding cakes.

The day ended on a high, with Carla having a meet and greet with Miguel Maestre from Channel 10's *The Living Room!*

The Cake Bake and Sweets Show is set to bake its way to Melbourne for October 23–25 at the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre.
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Veronica writes: "Our block of land is 137m² and the internal living area is approximately 115m². We have been very smart with the use of space and colour, and incorporating as much hidden storage as possible. The kitchen still has its original door. We put in a removable stone panel for extra bench space. This panel can be removed for full access to the door. We thought it was a nice idea to keep the door, which also lets in a lot of light."

Great work, Veronica! *KBQ* applauds your ingenuity and excellent space planning, which has paid off to stunning effect.

If you want to share your new kitchen or bathroom with us, email cmay@universalmagazines.com.au or message us on Facebook — just search for *Kitchens & Bathrooms Quarterly*.

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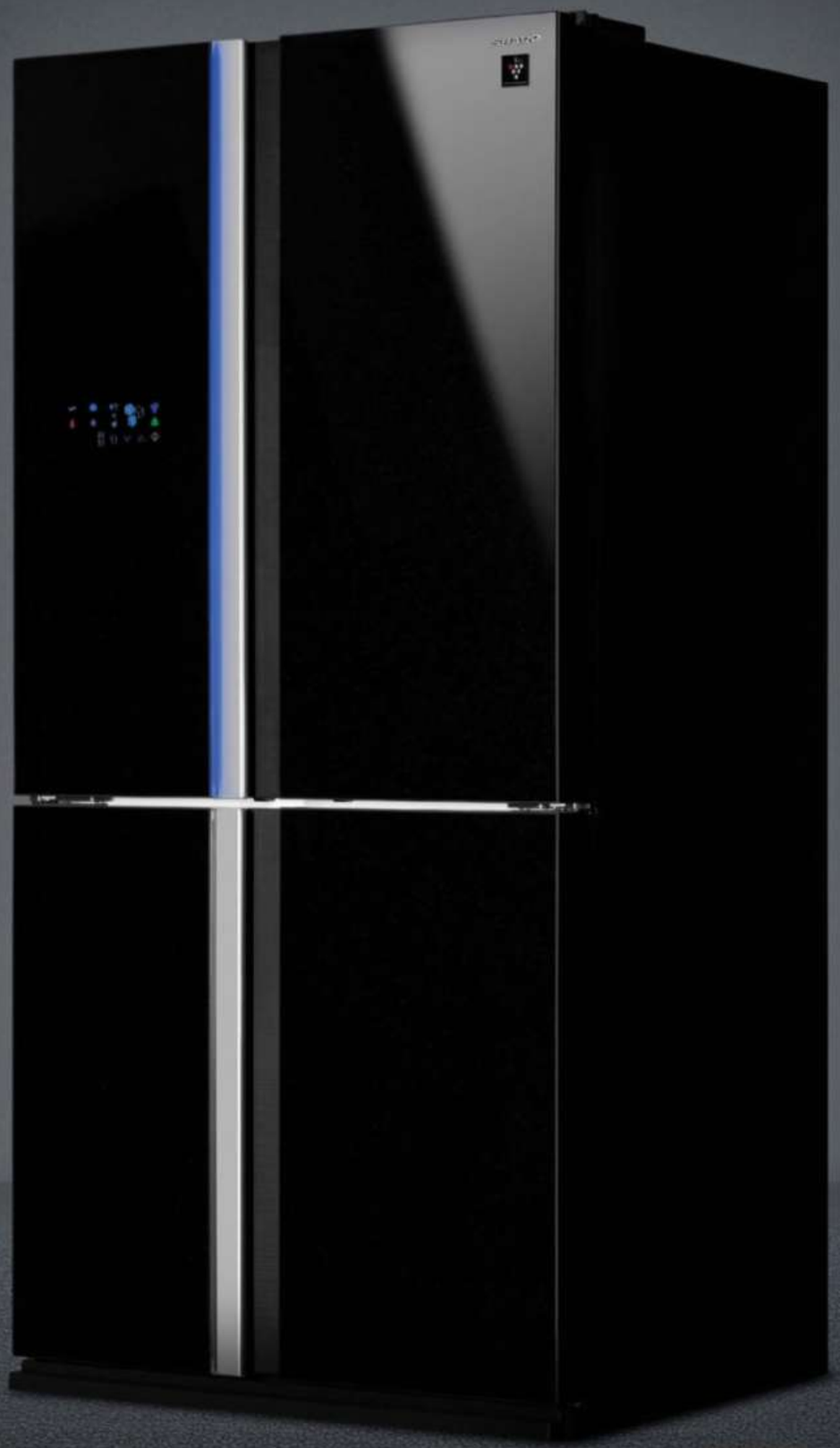
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Words Carla May

From the age of 12, you aspired to write cookbooks and follow in Jamie Oliver's footsteps. Did you ever think you would be where you are today and achieved what you have so far?

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You've shared your Nude Food philosophy and your company, My Food Bag, with New Zealand and now you are bringing it to Australia. What is My Food Bag all about?

It's a simple concept: we create recipes and we deliver them to your door every week. Initially, it'll be delivered to homes in Sydney and



"I'm not kidding!
There are people who say My Food Bag has saved their marriage. So I'm very lucky to be able to have had that effect."

Melbourne on a Monday night, and you'll get a whole weeks' worth of dinner recipes, plus all the ingredients to cook it. Essentially it's like a meal service. Because of my background as a dietician and chef, the recipes are based on the food tasting delicious as well as it being good for you. There are lots of fresh vegetables, there's variety and perfect portion sizes, too. You don't have to think about what's for dinner and you don't have to drive to the supermarket or fight the queues. When we started the company two years ago, it started out with just five of us and I was head chef and dietician. I made all of the recipes, did all the food photography, all the recipe editing, the recipe testing — the whole lot. Now we've got eight people designing, testing the recipes and photographing them. You now get quite a wide variety since we all have our own style of food. Miguel Maestre and Zoe Pullin are two of our guest chefs and they will contribute a few recipes every week as well.

In what way will My Food Bag offer value for money for individuals and families?
It's really good value! People are always quite shocked at how much they get. I think it's natural to think that this is quite a premium service, but delivery is free of charge and the quality and amount of produce you get is just quite incredible. You would struggle to go to the supermarket and get the same quality and quantity as we manage to provide.

And you source everything locally. Is that important to you?
Definitely! We're all about local Australian produce. We have all free-range meat as well. Chicken is free-range, the eggs, even right down to the sausages and bacon. That's very much part of my food philosophy and ethos. If you are going to eat local, it's going to be better for you. Fruit, vegetables and meat sourced closer to you are going to have a much higher nutrition profile. Every day that fresh produce is on the shelves, travelling, or in storage, the amount of nutrients in it reduces slowly. If you're eating local and supporting local, it means by default you are eating seasonally and it's always going to taste so much better.

For any Melbournians or Sydneysiders wanting to order from My Food Bag, where do we go and how do we order?
Go to my website. There's no subscription — just try it! You'll love it. If you do, continue with it. If it doesn't suit you, it's easy to pause or cancel — you just press a button. That's the great thing about it: you aren't locked into anything and there are no obligations whatsoever.

You've said in the past you don't believe in diets. As our readers may not be aware of your philosophy, what is your Nude Food philosophy all about?
It actually goes back to when I was 12. I watched Jamie Oliver on *The Naked Chef* and he instantly became my idol. I thought, "You're really cool, I want to be just like you." I came up with this master plan that one day I was going to write cookbooks and have a cooking show called *Food in the Nude*, which I think is a bit of a spin-off to *The Naked Chef*. My whole idea was just to be cooking food that wasn't in fancy packaging with lots of additives — just natural food. That's what it is basically; it's about stripping back to basics. Working as a dietician for four or five years, I found that people have become so consumed with nutrition and healthy eating, and everyone thinks it's really complex. Everyone has a different opinion. I think my philosophy is very simple. It strips away all the media hype, diet fads, and all of these studies that keep changing. It's eat your colours, eat lots of different vegetables, eat fresh food and eat food that comes from the ground, the sea and the sky instead of out of the factories. That's what nude food is all about. It's a set of guiding principles. I'm not a fan of strict rules because one size doesn't fit all.

Have you had the opportunity to meet Jamie Oliver yet?
No, I just missed him! But I'm sure I'll meet him one day. We've got some of the same suppliers.

Is the Nude Food philosophy an approach to healthy eating that everyone can adopt — even if some might have allergies or perhaps are vegetarian?
Yes, definitely! Once you strip back all the distractions of diets telling you to eat this way or that, you'll learn to listen to your body. We are all so genetically varied; you are actually going to know what's best if you listen to your body. People need to be encouraged to do that, rather than relying on external information. You can take guidance, but you're the person who's going to know what's best for you. That's why nude food isn't a diet; it's a set of guiding principles. You just can't go wrong.

Can we really eat healthy while still making quick meals at home?
Yes, absolutely. I think the key is organisation. I would recommend to anyone who is busy and wants to eat well: try My Food Bag because that is what we help with. Otherwise, be organised by using one or two hours every week to cook up a few healthy meals and place them in individual portions. You won't then fall into the takeaway trap. Having a few of those simple recipes up your sleeve can make all the difference.



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NADIA'S BIO

2008 Nadia graduated from Otago University with a Bachelors Degree in Applied Science in Human Nutrition and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Dietetics.
2008-2011 Nadia worked for Auckland District Health Board as a clinical dietician, specialising in diabetes.
2011 Nadia won the second series of *MasterChef* New Zealand.
2013 My Food Bag launched in New Zealand.
2014 My Food Bag launched in Australia.
2012-2015 Nadia has published four cookbooks: *Nadia's Kitchen, Nadia Lim's Good Food Cookbook, Easy Week Night Meals* and *Nadia Lim's Fresh Start Cookbook*. She was commissioned to shoot an eight-part television show called *New Zealand with Nadia Lim*, and has also been a guest judge on *MasterChef* New Zealand and *My Kitchen Rules* New Zealand.

*"If you can teach people how to cook **some simple, healthy, delicious meals,** that is actually going to help them and that's what My Food Bag does."*

Can we still enjoy sweets while following the Nude Food philosophy?
I think we should eat for health and nutrition, but also equally for enjoyment. Laughing and enjoying yourself is all part of being healthy, so I like to say: have everything in moderation, including moderation! Follow the 90/10 rule: 90 per cent of the time aim to eat well, but 10 per cent of the time have whatever you want.

Do you think your original career as a dietician has helped you in developing your Nude Food philosophy and as head chef at My Food Bag?
As a dietician, I was specialising in diabetes. I got to see firsthand the real barriers and issues that prevent people from eating well. What I realised is that while I had all this nutrition knowledge that I'd learned over the years at university, it was quite useless because when you tell a normal Joe Blogg off the street that they should be eating so many calories a day, it means nothing to them. If you can teach people how to cook some simple, healthy, delicious meals, that is actually going to help them and that's what My Food Bag does. It's had a much bigger effect than I ever thought it would.

You've recently published a few cookbooks. Are they available in Australia?
Yes. I've got three cookbooks and my fourth is coming out in September — *Nadia Lim's Fresh Start Cookbook*. It's a lifestyle book for people who want to lose weight. It's got a big emphasis on nutrition and it's really flexible. There are breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks and even dessert recipes. The idea is to choose the meals you want and still lose weight. I did quite a bit of work with that book, making sure the majority of the meals fell into a certain calories requirement. My *Good Food Cookbook* was actually runner-up in the Best in the World Gourmand Cookbook Awards last year, so it's a really good book, too.

What is your advice to anyone starting out his or her culinary career?
You've just got to practice, practice, practice. The most important rule when you cook is taste, taste, taste! Whenever I watch other chefs or people competing in cooking competitions, I always look to see how much they taste their food. If you don't taste your food, it means you're not paying much attention. You've got to continually taste to learn.

What's next for you?
I've filmed New Zealand *MasterChef*. I'm also a guest judge on the New Zealand *My Kitchen Rules*. I've already got a TV show in 16 countries around Asia and it looks like I might be filming another one. But what I'm most excited about is being in Australia and expanding *My Food Bag* throughout Sydney and Melbourne, then hopefully into other cities. I'm just working on doing different things in Australia, such as *The Morning Show*. There are lots of cool, exciting things happening!



CARAMEL SLICE

INGREDIENTS

Base

- ¾ cup fine rolled oats (you can also use ground almonds as a gluten-free alternative)
- ¾ cup coconut thread
- 1 tablespoon good-quality dark cocoa powder (I used Equagold's Dutch cocoa powder)
- 6 medjool dates, pitted
- ½ cup raw almonds
- 6-8 tablespoons coconut oil/butter, melted
- Salt, one pinch

Date and cashew caramel filling

- 400g dried pitted dates
- ¾ cup boiling water
- 2 cups cashew nuts softened**
- ¼ cup pure maple syrup (not the stuff that's artificially flavoured with sugar!)
- ½ cup coconut oil, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Chocolate and walnut topping

- 150–200g good-quality dark chocolate (check dairy-free if required)
- 1 teaspoon neutral oil (e.g. walnut, canola, soy)
- 1/3 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)
- 1–2 tablespoons coconut thread (optional)

METHOD

Preheat oven to 180°C/355°F. Lightly grease and line the bottom and sides of a square baking tin (20cm x 20cm) with baking paper.

1. Place oats/ground almonds, coconut thread, cocoa powder, medjool dates, almonds and salt in a food processor and blitz until a fine, crumbly texture. Drizzle in melted coconut oil/butter and pulse until well combined and the mixture holds together when you pinch it between your fingers.

2. Press mixture into the prepared baking tin, pressing down firmly with the back of a spoon or spatula. Bake for 10–15 minutes until light golden. Set aside in the fridge to cool while you make the caramel.

3. To make the caramel, place dates and water in a medium-size pot and boil, stirring frequently, until the dates are very soft and mushed up, and all the water has evaporated. Place dates in the food processor along with the softened cashew nuts, maple syrup, coconut oil/butter and vanilla. Blitz until nice and smooth — this will take at least a few minutes. Scrape down the sides of the food processor a few times to make sure everything has been blended.

4. Spread caramel all over the base in the baking tin. Set aside in the fridge to set for at least 4 hours or the freezer for at least 2 hours, or until the filling is firm.

5. Melt chocolate in the top of a double boiler or in a glass bowl set above a small pot of simmering water. Mix in oil if using. Pour melted chocolate all over the filling and spread it over evenly. Return to the fridge for about 20 minutes, or until set. If it still seems a bit soft, return to the fridge/freezer for a bit longer.

6. Cut into about 25 pieces (a long, sharp serrated knife dipped in hot water will help a lot! I also find it easier to flip the whole caramel slice upside-down and cut through the base down). The slice will keep for up to a week in the fridge.

** To make softened cashew nuts, either soak in water overnight, or boil cashew nuts in a pot of water for about 15 minutes or until soft. Drain.



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PEEKING IN THE PANTRY

For our gourmet spring issue, we ask prominent foodies and chefs what "gourmet" means to them, and they reveal the must-have appliances they use at home to achieve gourmet success

Words Carla May and Shauna O'Carroll



SCOTT BRIDGER

Watching his mother bake as a child led celebrated chef Scott Bridger to a life and love of food. After completing an apprenticeship in Australia, he jetted to London to spend the next 10 years working on private yachts all over the world. Now living in Perth, Scott is the co-owner of modern Australian restaurants Bib & Tucker and May Street Larder.



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FIVE MINUTES WITH SCOTT...

What does "gourmet" mean to you?

If you cook with passion, you will always produce a gourmet experience. When pairing passion with great produce and beautiful cooking equipment, such as Electrolux appliances, you will always be guaranteed a memorable meal.

What's some of your favourite dishes to cook, eat or both?

Keeping it simple and pairing it with great textures and flavours, I love cooking secondary cuts of beef low and slow, and topping them with crunchy buckwheat and fresh horseradish.

What's some of your favourite appliances or gourmet gadgets you like to use while in your home kitchen?

I love a mix of old and new gadgetry. My mortar and pestle gets a workout, but my Electrolux Turbo Pro hand mixer is also extremely handy for making quick soups, dressings or a quick gremolata from the garden to top a winter braise.

What's one kitchen gadget you cannot live without?

My Electrolux pyrolytic multifunction steam oven is my go-to with all of my home cooking. I first used an Electrolux steam oven a few years ago on a private yacht and was so impressed with the versatility of it that I knew I had to get one for my house. From producing amazing gourmet meals for dinner parties to steaming simple vegies for my kids, it's a really beautiful and safe oven for the foodie home cooks.

What cooking advice would you give to budding foodies or chefs-in-the-making?

Cook with your heart and create your own style. If you open your mind to learning new things and invest in some beautiful cooking equipment, you will always create a memorable cooking experience.

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MASSIMO MELE

From an early age, Massimo Mele was surrounded by delicious Italian food growing up in Naples. Starting at the age of 10 washing dishes at his father's restaurant, Massimo spent 15 years working as a chef around the world. He is now the executive chef of newly renovated and relaunched restaurant La Scala on Jersey and owns a catering and event company, Catering by Massimo Mele.

FIVE MINUTES WITH MASSIMO...

What does "gourmet" mean to you?
Gourmet to me is beautifully made dishes using freshly grown ingredients, paired with great appliances to create great-tasting food.

What's some of your favourite dishes to cook, eat or both?
I love cooking seafood. There is something so great about cooking fresh seafood straight out of the ocean – it tastes amazing! Steam cooking is great for this as it captures all those natural flavours and offers a much healthier style of cooking.

What's some of your favourite appliances or gourmet gadgets you like to use while in your home kitchen?
I love my Electrolux Assistent stand mixer – it's a must! It makes dough, pasta, sausages and more. You will always need a good blender. I'm also a big fan of induction – the Electrolux InfinitePro induction cooktop is great as it allows you to cook with complete precision and temperature control for better results.

What's one kitchen gadget you cannot live without?
My coffee machine – it always gets a good workout every morning!

What cooking advice would you give to budding foodies or chefs-in-the-making?
Every kitchen needs a good food processor or blender. It allows you to make sauces, soups and purees – often forming the basis for many great recipes. A food vacuum is also vital as it helps keep food fresh and in great condition.

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EKM4000R Electrolux Assistent stand mixer, $400, electrolux.com.au

DID YOU KNOW?

MasterChef 2009 winner and now professional chef, Julie Goodwin's, must-have appliance in the kitchen is an InSinkErator food-waste disposer. Not only is it a quiet, convenient and more environmentally friendly way of dealing with food waste, Julie also believes it makes clean-up in her kitchen an absolute breeze – which is something she had always dreaded doing in the past. Among other appliances that make life easy in her kitchen, Julie loves her InSinkErator so much that she owns three – two in her commercial kitchen and one at home.

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InSinkErator Evolution 200 disposer, $1275, insinkerator.com.au

JOSH CATALANO

Born and raised into Perth's leading seafood business, Josh Catalano was brought up inspired by fresh, seasonal dishes cooked at his Nonna's house for Sunday dinner. Appearing on the first season of *MasterChef*, Josh is now Perth's resident fishmonger and operations manager of Catalano Seafoods, as well as a Winning Appliances chef ambassador.





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FIVE MINUTES WITH JOSH...

What does "gourmet" mean to you?
I believe anything that has been created by someone who has passion, skill and pride in what they do can be classified as gourmet. Gourmet is "made with love".

What's some of your favourite dishes to cook, eat or both?
Anything with seafood! I love the state I live in and I love the seafood that comes off our coast. Western Australia has some of the best seafood in the world, and I love eating and cooking fresh seafood outside with family and friends. That's my happy place.

What's some of your favourite appliances or gourmet gadgets you like to use while in your home kitchen?
My favourite appliance is my induction cooktop, but that wasn't always the case. I learnt to cook on my Mum's ceramic cooktop so when I was introduced to gas, I fell in love instantly. Now as the years roll on and with the amount of cooking I do, I just can't go past induction for my everyday cooking. I love how sleek and stylish it looks and how much control I have over my cooking, but the main reason is how easy it is to clean. My other favourite gadget is my wine fridge – it's such a practical showpiece in the kitchen.

What's one kitchen gadget you cannot live without?
I can't live without my combi-steam oven – I just love it! They are so easy to use, create healthier meals and, more importantly, the steaming aspect works wonders with seafood. Steam is so forgiving when it comes to cooking. My wife and I have never liked the microwave, so this appliance has certainly replaced that and works real magic with the way we cook.

What cooking advice would you give to budding foodies or chefs-in-the-making?
I think the introduction of steam and combi-steam ovens is a real must for budding foodies. But, in all honesty, I think cooking is about the ingredients you buy and the way you cook them – you don't need to go out and spend lots of money if you cook your produce right. Get to know your fishmonger, butcher or fruit and veg operator, and always ask them: "What's in season? What's fresh today? What do you recommend?"

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NADIA LIM

New Zealand-born celebrity chef and entrepreneur Nadia Lim spent her formative years in Kuala Lumpur, and it was these childhood experiences of contrasting cultures that inspired her fusion of Asian and European cuisines. Winning the second series of *MasterChef* New Zealand, Nadia now runs My Food Bag, a New Zealand and Australian home delivery service of fresh food and recipes.

FIVE MINUTES WITH NADIA...

What does "gourmet" mean to you?
So, we have a gourmet bag at My Food Bag and, to us, that means slightly more adventurous, exotic recipes and slightly more gourmet produce. You'll get salmon every couple of weeks and duck every three weeks. You might get lamb rack, as opposed to lamb steaks.

What are some of your favourite ingredients we can always find in your pantry at home?
Some things I always have are avocado, cold-smoked salmon, lemons, limes, fresh herbs – my favourite is coriander – continental parsley or flat-leafed parsley, basil and eggs. Those would be my absolute essentials I have to have all the time, along with really good-quality extra-virgin olive oil and avocado oil.

What are some of your must-have kitchen appliances you can't live without in your own kitchen?
A blender – I have an avocado smoothie almost every morning – a microplane – it's a really good utensil – and you've got to have a good stovetop and oven, of course, but I'm quite simple with my equipment. I have a food processor for all my sweet stuff. When I'm baking, instead of creaming the butter and sugar together and adding eggs one by one, I just chuck it all in the food processor, whizz it up and my cake batter is done. Anyone can do it!

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GOING ORGANIC

Sustainable kitchens are now gaining momentum as a viable design option for renovators and homebuilders alike. But what exactly is a sustainable kitchen and why is it important to think sustainably before your next kitchen project?

Words Carla May





THE ENVIRONMENT

From the timber products you use to the appliances you choose, your kitchen design can positively or negatively affect the environment. Designing a sustainable kitchen is beneficial for the environment in three main areas:

1 Kitchens are predominantly made of timber

Sustainable kitchen design asks where the timber has come from and if it was sustainably sourced. Choosing timbers stamped with either the FSC or PEFC Certification logo is a great way of ensuring your timber has been sourced responsibly and will continue to be a sustainable resource.

"The Chain of Custody Certification scheme means everyone who touched your timber, from the forest to the shelf, is certified and regularly audited to ensure they are compliant," says Druce Davey, a design expert from Greener Kitchens. "It's the only way of knowing your purchase protects forests, habitats, waterways, and the species that rely on them — preserving them for future generations."

Recycled timber is built to last. Using recycled timber is a good way to ensure sustainable materials do not needlessly end up in landfill, but will benefit the environment and your kitchen for many years to come. "Recycled timber has had a previous life, so it has all the character marks from a life well lived," says Druce. "Recycled timber is responsible, robust and long-lasting. It tells a story, it breaks the ice at parties, stores carbon, and it saves the trees."

2 Sustainability asks whether any aspect of your existing kitchen can be reused, renewed or recycled/upcycled

Even if you don't want to keep any part of your existing kitchen, can any of it be sold to others for reuse? Throwing away good-quality materials only adds to landfill, which takes its toll on our natural environment.

"Sustainability can mean recycling elements of previous kitchens or making use of recycled elements," explains Ellen Wundersitz, general manager of bespoke kitchen company Space Craft Joinery. "When considering sustainability in kitchen design, it's all about the mantra of reduce, reuse, re/upcycle. If money is tight, on-selling parts of your kitchen can even fatten your budget."

3 Thinking sustainably means being aware of the appliances and fixtures we place within kitchens

Do your appliances have a high energy-efficiency rating? What are your taps rated on the Water Efficiency Labelling and Standards (WELS) scale? Using appliances and fixtures that are energy or water efficient and guaranteed to last will reduce wastage of precious non-renewable resources.

"Appliances with a higher energy star rating, taps with a higher WELS rating, hardware with a lifetime warranty, LED lighting, reconstituted stone from recycled materials, such as Eco by Cosentino, will all benefit the environment," says Ellen. "If your kitchen is part of a larger project, consider seeking the advice of an architect or builder to maximise passive solar design principles, whereby careful orientation of the build ensures northerly orientation of daytime living areas to capture sunlight in the cooler months."







THE LOCALS

When designing a kitchen, buying locally is always recommended as it benefits our businesses and economy, and means you are ensured a good-quality product that has met Australian standards. Additionally, shopping locally may mean that you are reducing the carbon footprint of your kitchen, because the materials you use are not being shipped over great distances and you may find manufacturers who are conscious about their carbon footprint within their production processes.

"Sustainable kitchens have a lower carbon footprint than a conventional kitchen. Often clients who have invested in a sustainable kitchen are also those who are part of a buy-local movement," says Ellen. "At Space Craft Joinery, we are taking steps to lower our carbon footprint in the office and workshop. By installing solar panels on the roof of our workshop, the sun now provides 100 per cent of our energy needs, eliminating our carbon emissions and reliance on coal power."

THE FAMILY

When building a sustainable kitchen, you are guaranteed to maintain a healthy home for you and your family. Some conventional kitchens can use cheap synthetic materials, varnishes, paints and glues that contain volatile organic compounds (VOCs), such as formaldehyde. These chemicals degrade the air quality in your home and can cause sickness or irritation in high concentrations. Kitchen cabinet carcasses account for 50 per cent of the timber products used in your design and are commonly made up of medium-density fibreboard (MDF). MDF contains timber particles that are bonded together with resins and glue. Depending on where the MDF is sourced, some products do not comply with Australian E0 or E1 (low VOC) emissions standards and may off-gas at dangerous levels. When thinking sustainably, you also need to think about health by choosing low-VOC paints and finishes, laminates that meet emissions standards, MDF alternatives, and E0 or Super E0 board materials.

"Hoop pine plywood is a great alternative to MDF because it contains minimal formaldehyde. Other MDF alternatives include Novofibre pressed straw board," says Ellen. She also recommends using Polytec or Laminex E0 laminates.

"The Engineered Wood Products Association of Australasia (EWPAA) recently released a report* showing how imported timber panels used in kitchen construction had emission levels two to three times that considered safe," says Druce. "To me, sustainable kitchens are low emission and made using environmentally responsible materials. This makes for a kitchen that is a joy to be in."



THE HIP POCKET

Sustainable kitchens are usually well planned and built for longevity, efficiency and functionality — which will ultimately save you money.

1 Longevity

Sustainable kitchens use quality and hardy materials such as reclaimed timber and, unlike MDF, will stand the test of time — which means you won't need to demolish your kitchen again.

2 Efficiency

If you have utilised a sustainable mindset when fitting out your kitchen, you probably would have chosen high energy- and water-efficient appliances and fixtures. By reducing the amount of power and water you consume, your hip pocket benefits by reducing your bills.

3 Functionality

Sustainable kitchens generally need more planning than conventional kitchens, which means they are also going to be highly functional. Practical design and appliance choices for food storage and waste, using timers for appliances that don't need to be on all the time, and harnessing natural light so that artificial lights aren't needed during the day all contribute to a highly functional and cost-effective kitchen.

"A timber kitchen has much greater longevity and can be renovated, repaired or rejuvenated in time instead of being replaced and consigned to landfill," says Druce. "The key here is also in the design: to ensure the kitchen is incredibly functional and aesthetically time resistant so functional frustrations or on-trend components that date the kitchen do not encourage its replacement. Good design and sensitive functional planning will never go out of style."

THE POTENTIAL

Sometimes the words "sustainable" or "organic" conjure up very limiting ideas of what can be done with your kitchen if you are not familiar with any sustainable kitchen designers and their work. But take heart — sustainable kitchens don't need to look any different than a conventional kitchen and, just like a conventional kitchen, there are endless design possibilities awaiting you. So even if you already have your dream kitchen in mind, remember that your ideas can also be sustainable, too.

"You can be as creative with a sustainable kitchen design as with any kitchen," says Ellen. "Sustainable kitchens are, in most cases, better looking because they are often quite unique creations developed especially for the homeowners. There is a real sense of connection to the family that it was built for, their lifestyle and their sense of style."

Druce agrees, adding, "A sustainable kitchen can be modern or traditional, beautiful, functional, respectful to the environment and the health of your home without any creative compromise."

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A GREEN THUMBS UP!

No longer relegated to the outside, plants are finding a place in the home through a growing trend that integrates gardens within modern kitchen design. From herb to vertical and in-built benchtop gardens, here are six reasons why this green thumb trend is important for a healthy home

Words Carla May



1 A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

Whether you have indoor potted plants, a vertical garden or a herb planter, most common foliage plants in the home have been proven to not only produce oxygen and decrease carbon dioxide, which helps you to feel more awake, but also serve as highly effective air purifiers.

Volatile organic compounds (or VOCs) such as formaldehyde, TCE and benzene are carbon-based chemicals present in some synthetic building materials, paints, solvents and varnishes, which are known to evaporate at room temperature over time. While these chemicals are hard to detect and most of the time don't bother us, they are known irritants that can cause burning eyes and respiratory difficulties — symptoms of "Sick Building Syndrome". Since we are now spending 90 per cent of our time indoors, this is a big deal.

But you can breathe easy! As observed through a NASA study* in the late '80s, plants remove most — if not all — trace organic pollutants from indoor air.

"Design thinking for the home is changing to a more practical and natural ethos, bringing the outdoors into the built environment," says Nigel Hobbs, founder and chief wellness officer at Welnis, an organisation that focuses on healthy human interiors. "Indoor gardens can be used effectively to maintain air quality and thermal comfort. Any plants are of benefit."





2 THAT'S QUALITY

Additionally, plants improve humidity and help decrease the amount of dust accumulation, making home environments that much more inhabitable. When homes are too dry, illnesses can become more frequent and timber products used throughout the home can crack. Plants help maintain a normal 30–60 per cent humidity level recommended for human comfort.

"People want to feel comfortable and engaged with their surroundings — functional plants are a great way of achieving this," says Nigel. "In practice, this could be having the right amount of humidity in the air to stop our skin dehydrating."

3 HEALTHY HUMANS

On top of improving respiratory health, plants can also help reduce pain and aid illness recovery, as well as reduce general discomfort. Whether it's psychosomatic symptoms, actual illness or intense pain, plants help by reducing the toll these take on our body by providing mental calm and distraction.

"Human health is much more than physical health; it is wellbeing, too. Finally, we are starting to see the first signs of human wellness becoming an important element in the design and construction of homes and their interiors," adds Nigel.



4 IT'S NOT ALL IN YOUR HEAD

Ever wondered why we gift potted plants or flowers to make people feel better? Studies** have shown that indoor plants or rooms overlooking bushland areas help us feel content, happy and carefree, more than a well-decorated room. During your renovation, while you are making your home look beautiful, remember that plants can have a positive impact on your general mental health — particularly if you are in higher-density living.





5 NO WORRIES, MATE

In a busy world, it's easy to get stressed and overwhelmed. But did you know that plants could help you de-stress? The presence of plants in the home is proven to both evoke calm to help people recover from stressful events, and to help reduce the stress response. Plants have the same calming properties as taking a walk through nature.

"The inclusion of living elements in the design of a built space is called biophilic design and plays a key role in managing stress levels and inducing calm," confirms Nigel. "It has also been scientifically proven that plants are a calming influence on human senses."

6 DON'T PUT IT OFF

Plants can also assist productivity. This may be more relevant within a workplace environment, but can also extend to activities such as homework, assignments or completing computer tasks at home. Focus and reaction time is enhanced, while mental fatigue is reduced. Plants may just be your key to success!

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**** Source:** *What Are the Benefits of Plants Indoors and Why Do We Respond Positively to Them?,* by Virginia I. Lohr, actahort.org

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WHAT'S YOUR *RENO RUMBLE* STYLE?

If we have learned anything from *Reno Rumble*, it's that modern kitchens embrace many styles and trends. If this thought still leaves you lacking reno inspiration, here are 12 Freedom Kitchens designs to get you rumbling towards your dream kitchen

Edited by Carla May

WEEK ONE: CONTEMPORARY COASTAL, BY NICK & CHRIS

Equipped with the owner's brief for a timeless entertainer's kitchen incorporating a coastal feel, Nick & Chris used a muted palette of whites, greys and grey timber, reflecting light from glass-fronted cabinets and a mirrored splashback to answer the key design criteria. As the kitchen was originally large with plenty of storage, these elements were retained but the room was made lighter, brighter and more functional, with better flow around the space and into the adjoining living areas. The central island houses an integrated dishwasher — a must-have new addition to the space — while the Caesarstone Sleek Concrete island bench serves as the ideal preparation and gathering spot for this busy household. Complementary pendant lights and practical task lighting ensure the kitchen is both practical and an entertainer's dream.

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Freedom Kitchens
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Cabinetry Alaskan Gloss White, Impressions Alaskan Nuance
Benchtop Caesarstone in Sleek Concrete with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich InnoTech Drawer System



"I'm all about practicality, but the 'wow' for me is the mirrored splashback that adds a touch of bling and makes the space feel twice as large. The kitchen is now not only functional, it also serves as another living space that family and friends enjoy spending time in." ***— Lisa, homeowner from Mill Park, Vic***



WEEK ONE: MODERN CLASSIC, BY JESS & AYDEN

Black and white is a timeless colour combination, and Ayden and Jess's spin on this is a winning look. Long expansive benchtops in Caesarstone's Calacatta Nuvo, with its marble-like appearance, ties together the simple colour palette of white, grey and black. The benches provide maximum space for meal preparation and the galley-style layout means ample storage space was included. Copper accents add an additional layer of elegant-luxe. Updated appliances and ambient lighting, together with a bifold window and skylight naturally brightening a previously dark room, means this kitchen will stand the test of time.

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Cabinetry Iceland White, Newbury Baye
Benchtop Caesarstone in Calacatta Nuvo with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich InnoTech Drawer System



"The benchtops and storage are the two biggest winners for us. It is much easier to cater for 10 people due to the appliances and room we have now. It's an absolute joy to be in the kitchen!" ***— Alex and Angela, homeowners from Mill Park, Vic***



WEEK TWO: MODERN VINTAGE, BY JOSH & JENNA

The previous kitchen had holes in the ceiling, peeling veneer, stained vinyl flooring, and cupboard doors that were falling off. Combining a love of all things vintage with simple modern design was Josh and Jenna's kitchen design brief. To give the kitchen a unique twist, Josh and Jenna focused on combining Duck Egg Blue cabinetry with a combination of textures, including open timber shelving and soft-grey benchtops in Caesarstone London Grey. In keeping with the brief, a beautiful vintage-style butler's sink was installed, bifold servery windows open the kitchen to the alfresco entertaining area, and storage solutions such as the LeMans corner system ensure every inch of space is maximised. With lots of natural light, the kitchen now fits beautifully with the rest of the home and draws guests from the front door to the kitchen at the back.

"The kitchen feels designer and is a much nicer place to spend time in. Now that we have a practical space for cooking, I am planning to have more friends over for dinner parties. The kids like having their breakfast at the bench while I get the school lunches ready in the morning."
— Kaye, homeowner from Northcote, Vic

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Freedom Kitchens
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Cabinetry Flair Fresh Spring, Iceland White Satin
Benchtops Caesarstone in London Grey with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Häfele LeMans Pull Out Corner System, Hettich InnoTech drawer system



WEEK TWO: MODERN SCANDI, BY BEN & JEMMA

For a modern Scandinavian look, stylish renovators Jemma and Ben have taken the traditional Scandi base of white cabinetry and added black feature overheads and hints of copper for a bold, modern edge. Delivering a kitchen on-brief, Jemma and Ben included practical storage solutions in the form of large soft-closing drawers. An expansive Caesarstone benchtop in Frosty Carrina, with its marble-like vein, purposefully softens the monochrome colour scheme and provides plenty of eat-in dining and entertaining space. The kitchen has been opened up and is the central part of the home, with the new layout offering a fantastic connection to the lounge and garden.

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Cabinetry Iceland White Satin, Super Matt Black
Benchtops Caesarstone in Frosty Carrina with 20mm edge
Internal hardware LED channel and strip lighting, Hettich InnoTech drawer systems



"We love how the white subway-tile splashback links to the front half of our 1940s-era house. With the storage drawers we now have a place for everything, and it's easy to find and get what we need. Ben and Jemma have delivered everything on our wish list, and more!" ***— Jess and Doug, homeowners from Northcote, Vic***

WEEK THREE: INDUSTRIAL, BY CARLY & LEIGHTON

Carly and Leighton were briefed to create a kitchen with a relaxed industrial aesthetic. Inspired by Manhattan-style industrial warehouse living, they opted for strong matt black cabinetry and brought in timber elements to create a sense of warmth. The kitchen flows with the rest of the home and has been opened up into one large living space. The butler's pantry and integrated dishwasher keep appliances hidden from view, while the added textures of the Caesarstone benchtops, transparent glass splashback and metal factory pendant lights ensure a tightly edited result. A perfect 10 out of 10!

"It's a completely different dynamic at home now. I can entertain; I didn't enjoy it before because using more than two pots at the same time caused space issues. Even when I'm not cooking a meal, the central bench has become the go-to spot for visitors. It's a much more social and beautiful space." ***— Tara, homeowner from Hampton, Vic***

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Cabinetry Super Matt Black, Impressions Sublime Teak Riven and Newbury Basalt
Benchtops Caesarstone in Piatra Grey with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Built-in wine rack, Hettich InnoTech drawer systems

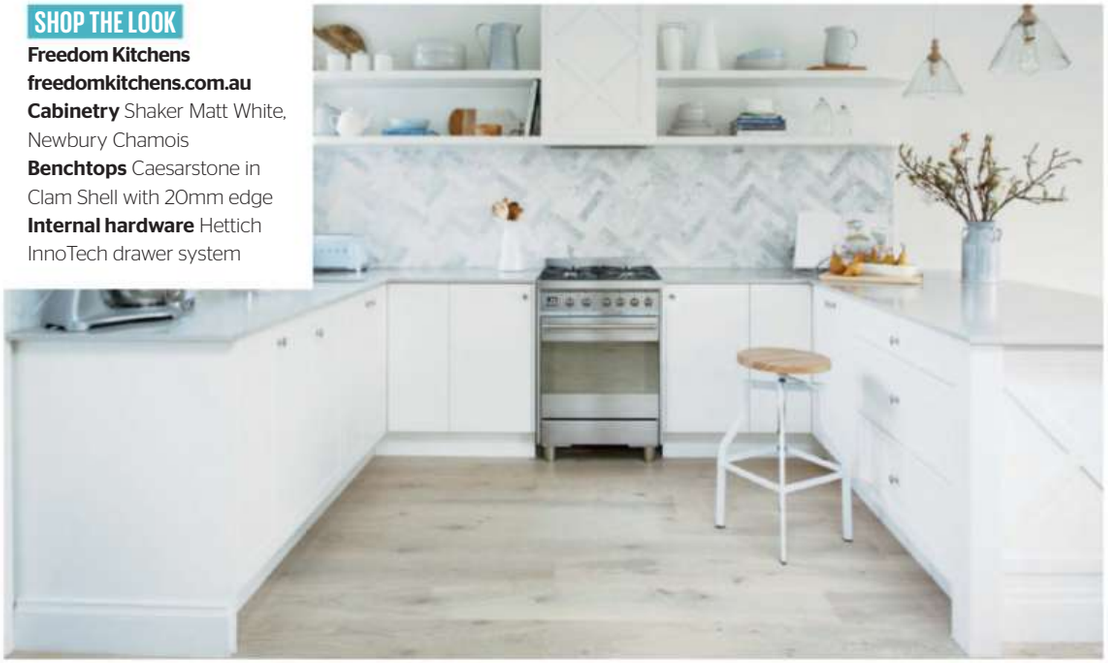


WEEK THREE: HAMPTONS, BY KYAL & KARA

Since the previous kitchen had been small, pokey and uninviting, the owner wanted to harness the relaxed, light and airy feel of the Hamptons in her new kitchen. The special Ks — Kyal and Kara — executed a perfect design featuring a neutral colour scheme of classic white Shaker doors and Clam Shell Caesarstone benchtops. A stainless-steel cooker provides greater cooking efficiency and complements the kitchen's grey hues. The kitchen is now part of the living and dining area, significantly opening up the space. Detailed open shelving, vintage-inspired pendants and plenty of natural light were the finishing touches for this sophisticated Hamptons kitchen.

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Cabinetry Shaker Matt White, Newbury Chamois
Benchtops Caesarstone in Clam Shell with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich InnoTech drawer system





"I love the large bench that connects the kitchen to the living room, allowing stools to be placed on one side so I can talk to my daughter or visitors. I also love the colour scheme, and the open shelves are beautiful, too. I didn't enjoy being in my old kitchen, but I love being in the new one!"

— Cathryn, homeowner from Hampton, Vic

WEEK FOUR: CONTEMPORARY ART DECO, BY CARLY & LEIGHTON

Carly and Leighton transformed a tiny kitchen space into an open-plan and timeless classic, with a hint of Art Deco through the geometric shapes and matt black timber handles — a nod to the original character of the home. The colour palette of grey and white cabinetry complements the Caesarstone benchtops in Raw Concrete and the geometric marble tile splashback. Internal drawers and pull-outs make storage a breeze, while ambient lighting and the built-in wine fridges within the central island bench complete this entertainer's dream.

"We love that we now have plenty of storage and benchtop space, an integrated dishwasher, pull-out pantry doors, a double sink and a large cooktop!"

— Alice, homeowner from Yarraville, Vic

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Cabinetry Alaskan Gloss Pearl Metallic, Alaskan Gloss Graphite
Benchtop Caesarstone in Raw Concrete with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Internal drawers and pull-outs, Hettich InnoTech drawer system





WEEK FOUR: MODERN MID-CENTURY, BY JOSH & JENNA

Josh and Jenna have answered the design brief for a mid-century kitchen that works in today's modern environment — a true cook's kitchen. The strong sense of timber-grain cabinetry is bang on brief and accentuated by the seamless integration of the appliances. Open display shelving and a tiled splashback provide an opportunity to bring in contrasting colour, while storage is maximised with pull-out pantries and deep, soft-close drawers. This is a high-end look that is functional and stunning in its simplicity.

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Freedom Kitchens
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Cabinetry Impressions Sublime Teak Riven
Benchtops Caesarstone in Fresh Concrete with 20mm edge, Pale Lancelot Oak Streamline with 38mm edge to island display shelving
Internal hardware Pull-out pantry, Hettich ArciTech drawer system with glass design sides



"We now appreciate what can be achieved with clever cabinetry and good design in a smaller footprint. We have more space for family and social activities. The new kitchen takes up less space and provides greater functionality, without sacrificing style and design quality."
— Stefani, homeowner from Yarraville, Vic

WEEK FIVE: UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE, BY KYAL & KARA

Understated elegance was the brief for Kyal and Kara, and they have delivered a classic entertainer's kitchen to complement the rest of this Edwardian cottage. The use of natural colours, soft lighting and classic-looking stone complements the home's vintage while providing a modern makeover that gives this kitchen longevity. Designed around the principle of symmetry, the kitchen features timber grain for all upper cabinetry, including tall display shelving that frames the main preparation space. The lower cabinetry and Caesarstone benches offer stunning contrast through colour and texture. Tall storage solutions such as the pull-out pantry, as well as wall-mounted appliances, are located in the adjacent walk-in pantry, allowing the main kitchen to remain a showpiece of the home.

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Benchtops Caesarstone in Calacatta Nuvo with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich ArciTech drawer system



"I now have more than ample space. The layout means I can be social, entertain, and prepare meals all at the same time. I can chat to my guests, who now have plenty of room along the island bench to sit. The kitchen has become a real talking piece with my friends when they visit." ***— Belinda, homeowner from Kingsville, Vic***

WEEK FIVE: SHAKER, BY AYDEN & JESS

Tasked with creating a Shaker-style kitchen for a busy family, Ayden and Jess have cleverly combined traditional features with modern conveniences, resulting in a humble yet charismatic space. The muted colour palette of white and taupe is light and bright, accentuated by pairing classic Shaker doors with modern flat doors in varying shades. Two-tone Caesarstone benchtops and timber-look laminate add further depth and interest, while the elegant handle choice, butler's sink, and overhead pendants seamlessly tie the look together. This kitchen is now a warm and inviting social space, keeping within the style of this Kingsville family home.

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Freedom Kitchens
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Cabinetry Newbury Chamois, Shaker White Matt
Benchtops Caeasarstone in Dreamy Marfil with 20mm edge, Pale Lancelot Oak Streamline with 38mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich ArciTech drawer system







"The timber-look benchtop was something I never thought of, but it is one of my favourite parts of the kitchen. People can't believe it is laminate – and I have to admit, laminate is the best material for kids due to how hardwearing it is."

– Naomi, homeowner from Kingsville, Vic

WEEK SIX: CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIAN, BY CARLY & LEIGHTON

The final brief in the series for Carly and Leighton was a contemporary Australian kitchen — and they've certainly ticked all the boxes! The space comprises an open-plan, free-flowing layout, seamless indoor/outdoor connection, casual eat-in dining, and a relaxed and natural colour palette. With push-to-open doors, deep drawers and ample space for preparation, this kitchen is the ultimate in modern functionality. Every detail, from the durable Caesarstone benchtops to the ultra-modern integrated appliances and extensive storage solutions, ensures this kitchen is an Aussie dream come true.

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Freedom Kitchens
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Cabinetry Iceland White Satin, Newbury Pesto Linea
Benchtops Caesarstone in Calcatta Nuvo with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Internal drawers and pull-outs to pantry, Hettich ArciTech drawer system

"I actually feel comfortable spending time in the kitchen and having guests around to entertain. It has a bright, modern feel with high-tech appliances — some we are still learning to operate!"
— Lisa, homeowner from Seddon, Vic

WEEK SIX: CONTEMPORARY CLASSIC, BY AYDEN & JESS

Ayden and Jess took on the challenge of creating a contemporary classic kitchen in their final *Reno Rumble* renovation. The owners had originally asked for a kitchen design that would complement the Victorian features of the home, while also creating a contemporary, open-plan living space they could enjoy with family and friends. Ayden and Jess reconfigured the space, opening up the kitchen and adding a square island bench to house the tap and sink, and an abundance of storage. The Caesarstone benchtops offer a touch of elegance, and the owners were impressed with how easy it is to clean. The colour scheme is classic white-on-white, and the combination of contemporary doors and a modern rangehood pairs well with the elegant handles and detailed panelling to create a warm and welcoming space.

SHOP THE LOOK

Cabinetry Iceland White Satin
Benchtops Caesarstone in Alpine Mist with 20mm edge
Internal hardware Hettich ArciTech drawer system

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"In our old kitchen, we had slowly reduced our entertaining due to the limitations of our kitchen and dining areas, but I love that entertaining is now easy again. The open-plan design integrates so well with the dining area, and the servery window connecting to the deck/outdoor room means we can now seat 12 people for dinner across two connected areas with ease." ***— Nicole, homeowner from Seddon, Vic***





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THE REECE REPORT: BATHROOMS OF THE FUTURE

Showcasing world-first innovation at ISH 2015, the world's largest bathroom fair, European brand Roca has revolutionised the toilet suite with two new toilet designs set to change the bathroom landscape of the future

Edited by Carla May



A world-first all-in-one solution: the Meridian In-Tank

Toilets: the humble cornerstone of the bathroom. While modernised from its 16th-century flushing counterpart, the toilet has remained relatively unchanged for decades. With innovation, sustainability and design in mind, international bathroom brand, Roca, is now changing the way we use toilets.

The company unveiled its in-tank toilet technology and rimless pan design at ISH 2015. Roca's two new toilets, The Meridian In-Tank and The Gap Rimless toilet suite, are set to improve functionality, installation and hygiene. Such a breakthrough in innovation has many other major bathroom brands following suit, which proves the benefits of these technologies are not only in their aesthetics.

"These new innovations deconstruct and reinvigorate the toilet suite to create some of the most exciting toilet advancements in years," says Reece bathroom business manager, Daniela Santilli. "More than ever, this year's ISH bathroom fair brought toilets to the forefront of conversation in both the international and local design community, redefining the bathroom space as we know it."

The Meridian In-Tank from Roca integrates the cistern and button seamlessly into the pan, combining all essential elements into a single structure. The Meridian In-Tank uses Roca's exclusive



Soft Air Technology for an efficient, quiet flush, and the all-in-one model results in simpler installation and a pure design aesthetic.

"The Meridian In-Tank from Roca is a world first — an all-in-one solution that has turned toilet design and functionality on its head," adds Daniela.

Flushing from a single point, the innovative rimless pan of Roca's The Gap Rimless is designed as a continuous surface free of edged angles, grooves or gaps. This unique design allows water to circulate along the inner perimeter of the pan, flowing smoothly from the upper perimeter, moving in a circular motion toward the lower outlet. Dirt doesn't accumulate in gaps or grooves, but is quickly removed, achieving a better clean.

"The Gap Rimless toilet suite proves how subtle design innovations can change the game, resulting in better cleaning and higher hygiene," says Daniela.

Setting the standard for the bathroom of the future, the Meridian In-Tank and The Gap Rimless are taking the possibilities of toilet design to a new level.

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ASK OUR EXPERT — BATHROOM PLANNING



Q: I've finally decided to renovate my bathroom and I've booked an appointment with a designer. What should I do to prepare for the meeting?

A: Great news! This is the first step to planning a beautiful bathroom. There are a number of steps you can take to make sure this first meeting is as productive as possible:

1. Create a scrapbook, either online or on paper, it doesn't matter. Collect as many images as you can that indicate the style of bathroom you'd like. The images can show overall design or individual items. This will give the designer a great starting point to best meet your expectations.
2. Go online and check out the website of your designer and/or their building company. If you see any of their projects you really like, add them to your scrapbook.
3. Consider your budget. Don't make any firm decisions until you've spoken to your designer, although it's sensible to have a budget range in mind so the designer can make suggestions or provide advice regarding the best way forward.
4. Make a list with the following information:
    - Who uses the bathroom and how old are they?
    - How many people use the bathroom at once?
    - When is the bathroom busiest?
    - Is this a main bathroom or a second bathroom?
    - What are the issues/problems with the current bathroom?
    - What are the main issues/problems you would like addressed?
5. Think about your "musts" and your "maybes" — consider whether there are items you must have in the new space and if there are any items you'd like to have but are prepared to forego if necessary. Also think about which fittings or fixtures you're prepared to compromise on if they exceed your budget and which you are not.

Q: What questions should I ask at the meeting?

A: Ask about your designer/builder's qualifications and experience. Ask if they are a member of a relevant industry association. Ask about their licenses, remembering there is a big difference between a builder's license and a plumber's license when it comes to what work they are qualified to undertake. Ask about awards programs they have entered and if any have been won (you could also look for this information on the company's website). Ask about other work completed and whether references are available — look for personalised references as well, not just written ones. Ask about what scope of work they can undertake; for example, can they offer a design-and-build service or design only? If design only, can they recommend a licensed builder?



Q. When do I get to choose colours, materials and finishes?

A: At this first meeting, concentrate on getting the brief right. Don't get too caught up in smaller details as there will be plenty of time in the process to work these out. At this stage, work on discussing the overall concept with your designer to ensure they understand the big picture. Allow yourself to dream big at this stage of the planning process — go all out with your wish list and let your designer suggest ways your key "must haves" can be incorporated into the design/layout. You'll need to decide if walls can/will be removed and if plumbing fixtures will be relocated before you worry about colours for the tiles or what style of toilet you'd like.



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TRIED & TESTED

KBQ jumps on the nutri-blender bandwagon to test out the big names in blenders that can provide you with the best smoothies, soups and sorbets

Words Shauna O'Carroll

THE VERSATILE



If you have never had a blender before, the Oster Versa Performance Blender is a good one to start with. It is a simple machine that is user-friendly and features three pre-programmed settings. The blender comes with a base featuring a manual speed dial and two jugs – a large and small for different mixes. The recipe booklet is limited, but features healthy recipes for different diets, particularly vegan and gluten-free. The ingredients featured in the recipes can be difficult to find and may need to be sourced from health stores. The blender itself is not as powerful as its counterparts and does take longer to get the desired blend, however the three program settings (Smoothies, Soups and Dips) mean you can leave the mix to blend automatically. This nutri-blender is the easiest to clean, makes minimal mess, and automatically starts once the attachments are placed together.

Oster Versa Performance Blender, $999, harveynorman.com.au Rating 3/5

THE LIFESTYLE



There is a reason why Vitamix products are loved all over the world. Efficient, fast and user-friendly, the Vitamix Professional Series 750 blender is an extremely powerful and robust machine. What sets this blender apart from its competitors is the amazing recipe book and instructional DVD that comes with it, which features hundreds of healthy, delicious recipes. Installed with five pre-programmed settings (Smoothies, Hot Soups, Frozen Desserts, Purées and Cleaning), creating snacks, meals and drinks is simple, as is cleaning up afterwards. The most expensive on the market, the Vitamix Professional Series 750 is a significant investment and the large size of the base and jug makes it difficult to store. The Vitamix Professional Series 750 is for those dedicated to blending.

Vitamix Professional Series 750, $1495, vitamix.com.au Rating: 4/5

THE TECH WIZARD

If you have seen the famous "Will it blend?" videos, you will know that Blendtec blenders can pulverise almost anything. The Blendtec HP3A Ultimate Combo is no different. While I didn't try to blend golf balls, I found this blender was the quickest and most efficient in blending everything, from easy cake mixes to the most difficult of nut butters. This blender is also the most tech-savvy of the bunch, featuring an easy-to-use LCD interface where you can select different programs and auto-set your favourite four programs for future use. Containing two separate jugs for different blending techniques, and a detailed recipe book featuring tasty dishes for a variety of diets, the Blendtec HP3A Ultimate Combo is the ultimate in nutri-blenders.

Blendtec HP3A Ultimate Combo, $1035, blendtecaustralia.com.au Rating: 5/5





THE HEALTH NUT



The Optimum 9400 is a deceptively simple machine. It is the only blender to be completely manual with no program settings, but what it lacks in special features it makes up for with powerful and smooth blending. The six stainless-steel blades blend at a speed of up to 44,000 revolutions per minute, with a manual speed dial from one to 10, making it the fastest nutri-blender. Even at its lowest speed, the Optimum 9400 blends ingredients into a smooth, velvety texture. With the speeds being as high as they are, this blender makes surprisingly little noise, a real plus in the world of typically loud blenders. This nutri-blender also comes with a nut-milk bag and a recipe book featuring homemade recipes from nutritionists and food bloggers.

The Optimum 9400, $579, froothie.com.au Rating: 4/5

THE BOSS

Quietly powerful, the Boss blender by Breville is the most user-friendly appliance we tested, featuring an LCD timer, manual speed dial and five pre-programmed settings. The machine comes with a base and a standard-sized jug that is easy to pack away, as well as two different kinds of tampers. The instruction booklet is clear and concise and features easy-to-follow diagrams, explanations of the different settings and a fantastic Hints & Tips section. The recipe book, *Blending with the Boss*, does not feature many recipes but it discusses the science behind blending and how to get the best from the machine. It is also the only blender that features a Green Smoothie setting, making it the boss in nutri-blenders.

Breville the Boss Blender, $999, breville.com.au Rating: 4/5

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Innovation is not only about the latest and greatest kitchen appliances. In this edition of Tried & Tested, we searched for cutting-edge bathroom products and fittings to put on trial

Words Carla May

A NEW SHOWERING EXPERIENCE

While on the outside, the Methven Aurajet Aio showerhead boasts an ultra-modern, sleek design, this new bathroom innovation is said to offer three advanced features.

Firstly, the Aurajet offers 20 per cent more spray force than conventional showers by generating bigger droplets. This means the shower provides better stimulation of nerve endings, making you feel relaxed. Stronger force also means more efficient rinsing.

The Aurajet has twice the spray coverage of a conventional shower. The result is a greater feeling of warmth and even pressure over the skin.

Lastly, the Methven Aurajet Aio is reportedly water efficient with a 3-star WELS rating – the highest water-efficient rating possible for showerheads.

The Verdict: The changeover from my old showerhead to the Methven Aurajet Aio Hi-Rise shower attachment couldn't have been easier. The instructions for attaching it to the existing plumbing was clear and, with the help of plumber's tape sourced separately, the whole project was done in 15 minutes without the need for a professional plumber.

The first shower with the Aurajet was the most eye opening. My previous water-saving showerhead gave medium pressure and limited coverage – not the best shower I've had, but not the worst. With the Aurajet, it felt like the water pressure had been doubled or even tripled! Once extended to its maximum height, it felt as if I had installed a waterfall showerhead.

While the Aurajet feels more relaxing than the showerhead we had, it is also highly efficient in cleansing and rinsing, so shower time is reduced. By reducing the shower time required and by being a water-saving showerhead itself, my most recent water bill tells the ultimate tale. Between the recent and last water bill, there was no major change to the household's water usage. In fact, it had even dropped a little without our water usage habits changing. While the Aurajet feels so powerful that it would use more water, it actually doesn't!

The Methven Aurajet Aio is a massive tick for me and really does deliver on what it promises.

Methven Aurajet Aio, from $400, methven.com/au/





CLEAN AND GREEN

The EnduroShield Home Glass Treatment is a revolutionary non-stick glass coating that makes grime, dirt and soap scum easy to clean. After application, glass requires only a regular wipe with a damp microfibre cloth to maintain a clean surface. The permanent protection of EnduroShield means that the use of harsh chemicals to clean your shower is eliminated and less water is used in the process, which benefits the environment by protecting precious resources.

The Verdict: The application of the EnduroShield DIY Home Glass Treatment kit onto my framed glass shower screen was a simple step-by-step process. Once the shower screen was cleaned with the EnduroShield pre-cleaner, the glass treatment was quick and pleasant – spraying on as a low-scent, oily-looking substance that dries clear as you work it over glass. Applied correctly, the EnduroShield treatment gives the glass added shine and an almost glossy texture. However, I would recommend using this kit after the last shower at night or in the morning, as you need to leave the treatment to cure for eight hours before the shower can be used again. But the investment of time and effort definitely pays off!

Even after the first post-application shower, any water or soap that falls on the glass surface balls and runs off easily. After two months, all I've needed to do to clean the glass was either squeegee excess water off after a shower or simply wipe the glass over with a damp shower sponge without the need for cleaners. Shower cleaning is now a 30-second job that isn't an assault on my nose – it might just be my favourite chore yet!

EnduroShield Home Glass Treatment DIY kit, $59.95, enduroshield.com

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Every year, the Kitchen and Bathroom Designers Institute of Australia (KBDi) acknowledges the best kitchen and bathroom designers. The 2015 KBDi awards were presented at a glittering gala in Cairns in August. Take inspiration from these innovative creations or, even better, assign one of the winners to transform your home



AUSTRALIAN CERTIFIED DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Darren James CKD Au, Interiors by Darren James (Qld)

Darren also won the category award for Small and Medium Kitchens Qld



AUSTRALIAN KITCHEN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Kim Duffin CKD Au CBD Au, Sublime Architectural Interiors (Qld)

Kim was also named Qld Kitchen Designer of the Year, and won the category award for Large Kitchens Qld. Additionally, Kim won the KBDi Design Space Award



AUSTRALIAN BATHROOM DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Darren Genner CKD Au, Minosa Design (NSW)

Darren was also named NSW Bathroom Designer of the Year, and won the category award for Small Bathrooms NSW



WA KITCHEN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Kia Douglas, Western Cabinets

Kia also won the KBDi First Time Entrant award and the category award for Large Kitchens WA



WA BATHROOM DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

David Ellwood CKB Au CBD Au, Design & Decorate

David also won the category award for Large Bathrooms WA



SA KITCHEN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Alex Norman, Brilliant SA

Alex also won the category award for Large Kitchens SA



SA BATHROOM DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Jordan Smith, Brilliant SA

Jordan also won the category award for Large Bathrooms SA



VIC KITCHEN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Patricia La Torre CKD Au, OUTSIDEINSIDE Building Elements

Patricia also won the category award for Small Kitchens Vic

AWARD-WINNING DESIGNERS



VIC BATHROOM DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Andrew Crawshaw, Smarter Bathrooms

Andrew also won the category award for Large Bathrooms Vic



NSW KITCHEN DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Simona Castagna, Minosa Design

Simona also won the category award for Large Kitchens NSW



QLD BATHROOM DESIGNER OF THE YEAR

Jaclyn Doyle, Enigma Interiors

Jaclyn also won the category award for Large Bathrooms Qld



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Haris Bahtiyarov CKD Au, Alby Turner & Son



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Sam Robinson CKD Au CBD Au, Sam Robinson Interior Design



MEDIUM KITCHENS VIC
Lindsay Williams CKD Au, Mint Kitchens



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Jordan Smith, Brilliant SA



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Rina Cohen CKD Au, Rina Cohen Interiors



SMALL/MEDIUM KITCHENS WA
Alysia Pekel, Western Cabinets



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TOP-FIVE WAYS TO SORT YOUR LAUNDRY STORAGE

Whether you have an integrated kitchen and laundry or a dedicated room, creating functional storage is easy. Expert Tanya Selever, from Tansel Stainless Steel Wireware, shares her top-five storage secrets that will help you get the most out of your laundry space



Tansel Stainless Steel Wireware.

1. Maximise small spaces

A tilt door, side-mounted or bottom-mounted basket will enable you to utilise more of your available laundry and narrow cabinet space, especially in cabinets with plumbing obstructions. These baskets are perfect for small spaces that cannot accommodate tracks and slide-out mechanisms.

2. Sort it out

If you have lots of space yet find your laundry is overrun by the family washing, sort it out by using double laundry baskets — one for colours, one for whites. One of the most popular pull-out laundry baskets is Tansel's large 500W x 500H x 485D (121L). Laundry baskets can also be placed in bedrooms and bathrooms to keep spaces tidy and reduce overflow in laundries.

3. Use practical solutions

The humble free-standing laundry basket is by far the least expensive solution but, if you require a hidden slide-out solution, some of these products can also optimise space and reduce clutter:

Drawers: There are loads of drawer systems, ranging from budget-friendly to soft- and self-closing. Look for a laundry basket that can be inserted into the drawer to give you maximum functionality and concealment.

Hinged doors: Although it's a two-step operation (open door, slide basket out), hinged doors are extremely economical and flexible. Baskets can also be fitted around existing plumbing.

Tilt door: These are best for smaller spaces with poor access, but there are limited size options available.

No door: If concealment is not a concern, this solution offers maximum functionality without the extra cost of doors.

4. Plan for durability

Some storage materials are more durable and, in the long term, more cost-effective as they do not require constant replacing.

Here is a helpful guide:

1. Stainless steel: The most durable but can be more expensive.

2. Chrome-plated steel: Less expensive but not as durable as stainless.

3. Powder-coated: More economical but has a limited lifespan.

5. Understand the risks

As your laundry is a wet area, certain storage materials may deteriorate faster than others. Be prepared if you choose fabric or canvas bags, which are economical and a good option, but only if the bag continues to be available for replacement after a few years. Melamine or high-moisture-resistant board can be customised but don't breathe and are prone to swelling if exposed to moisture.


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ABOUT TANYA SELEVER

Managing director and product designer of Tansel Stainless Steel Wireware, Tanya's "think-outside-the-square" approach to storage makes her one of our favourite go-to girls. Email your storage questions to tanya@tansel.com.au


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Design by: The Maker Designer Kitchens









EXPERT TIP

Use your natural surroundings as inspiration to create a space that truly fits your home.







SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Polytec thermolaminated Manchester profile doors in Classic White Gloss, Polytec Tessuto Milan in Ravine with horizontal grain
- **Kickboards** Polytec brushed stainless steel, Polytec Classic White Sheen
- **Internal hardware** Häfele Euro Cargo bin, Häfele TANDEM pantry, Häfele LeMans II corner unit, Häfele internal drawers, Häfele Cuisio cutlery tray, Häfele salsa spice drawer insert, Häfele soft-close drawer runners, Hettich WingLine bifold door mechanism, Blum AVENTOS tip-on lift-up mechanism
- **Handles** Häfele finger grips
- **Benchtop** 20mm Caesarstone polished in Organic White, 80mm Caesarstone polished in Shitake
- **Oven, steam oven, cooktop, microwave and warming drawer** V-ZUG
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Design by: The Kitchen Factory Malaga



***We love** the symmetrical design of the windows and cooktop.*











EXPERT TIP

Use LED strip lights to create an even spread of light under overhead cabinets.









SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Polytec Createc high gloss in Ultra White, clear-glass display doors, Cuban timber frames
- **Panels** Formica gloss, Cuban timber
- **Kickboards** Mirror laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close hinges, Blum TANDEMBOX antaro runners in white, Blum ORGA-LINE inserts, Häfele 70L twin door-mount pull-out bin, Häfele TANDEM pull-out pantry, Blum bottle and spice pull-out drawers
- **Handles** Artia Veroli in chrome finish
- **Benchtop** Smartstone in Nero Galassia
- **Splashback** Large white tiles
- **Oven and cooktop** Fisher & Paykel
- **Rangehood** Schweigen
- **Refrigerator** LG
- **Dishwasher** Bosch
- **Sink** Blanco
- **Lighting** LED strip

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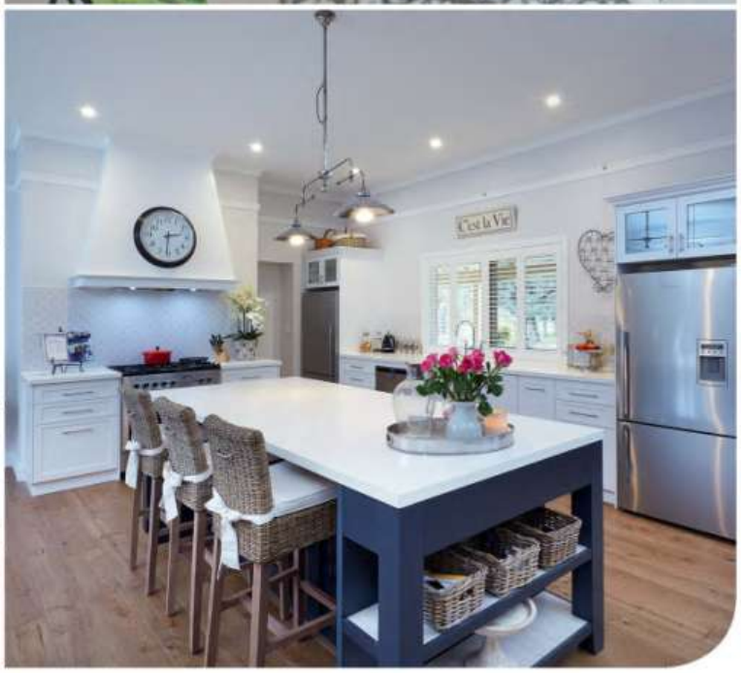
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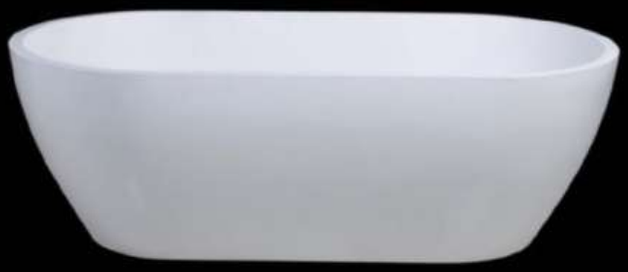
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***We love** the gorgeous copper pendant lights.*

MODERN SOPHISTICATION

"This stunning kitchen is located in a sophisticated, modern home in a beachside suburb. The simplicity of the space makes this home very relaxing and welcoming. We incorporated materials that had visual impact while complementing each other. Veneer, warm whites, mirror, marble and copper harmonise, offering a sense of high-end luxury. The kitchen is positioned in a central location within the home and benefits from natural light, which is reflected through the mirrored splashback. The splashback creates a stunning reflection of the outdoor courtyard and brings the outdoors in, providing a glimpse of the landscaping in the interior. The large island bench is a fantastic dramatic feature. The marble-look benchtops showcase gorgeous veining and provide a soft frame for the subtle warm-white cabinetry. Our clients wanted the bench to be designed without the interruption of a sink, leaving a large preparation and serving space. This sleek kitchen flows seamlessly and incorporates different materials for a fresh, modern look."

Designer: Alysia Pekel for Western Cabinets



EXPERT TIP

Design an island bench without a sink to increase space for meal preparation and serving.









SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Polytec Evolution in Papyrus with Legato finish, spotted gum veneer
- **Kickboards** Polytec brushed stainless laminate
- **Internal hardware** Hettich InnoTech Quadro soft-close drawers, Hettich cutlery tray, Hettich waste bins
- **Handles** Galvin Hardware Furnipart Trim handle in Inox
- **Benchtop** CDK Stone Neolith in Estatuario
- **Splashback** Toughened mirror glass
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood, microwave and dishwasher** Miele
- **Refrigerator** Fisher & Paykel
- **Sink** Mercer
- **Taps** Phoenix mixer
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- **Lighting** LED downlights
- **Flooring** Porcelain tile

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***We love** the stunning use of the Art Deco-inspired colour palette.*





EXPERT TIP

Glossy surfaces create a sleek design and can be used to reflect luxurious surroundings.



HARBOURSIDE CHIC

"Our brief was to design a bold and contemporary kitchen in a newly refurbished Art Deco apartment. The L-shaped layout with island bench complements the rectangular room and highlights the spectacular view of Kirribilli Bay. The focal point of the kitchen is the beautiful, almost 3m-long freestanding island bench that is dramatically finished in Arabescato marble. A gorgeous black-and-white palette complements the striking island bench, with the Starphire white-glass splashback providing a stark contrast to the surrounding black kitchen cabinets. Storage is optimised in this limited space with deep drawers and floor cabinets within the huge island bench, as well as tall cabinets on every wall. The sleek, handle-less design of the room is highlighted through the sharknose profile of the doors and drawers. The gloss finish on all surfaces reflects the stunning harbour views from every angle and adds a glamorous look to the space. This kitchen epitomises Sydney chic by the water."

Designer: Loran Able for A-Plan Kitchens

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Ultraglaze in Phantom Black and Cream
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX soft-close drawers and hinges
- **Benchtop** Arabescato marble
- **Splashback** Starphire glass in white
- **Oven** Blanco multifunction
- **Cooktop** Blanco induction
- **Rangehood** Blanco canopy
- **Microwave** Blanco
- **Refrigerator** Sharp
- **Dishwasher** Blanco semi-integrated
- **Accessories** Blanco built-in espresso machine

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FRESH AND BRIGHT

"The clients wanted to brighten their original dark, small kitchen and make it more inviting. The previous kitchen also had ineffective storage, so part of our brief was to create efficient storage in innovative ways. The large window brings natural light into the space, which complements the neutral colour palette and makes the room appear larger. We created a spacious pantry with internal drawers, and large bifold lift doors over the cooktop area to provide ample storage. A breakfast bar attached to the kitchen bench provides a cosy space for guests, with LED strip lights underneath to add a hint of luxury. This modern kitchen with its Quantum Quartz benchtop seamlessly connects the dining and living areas."

Designer: Michael Attard for Attard's Kitchens & Cabinetry



***We love** how the beautiful crispness of this kitchen is complemented through natural lighting.*



EXPERT TIP

Install overhead cabinetry above the cooktop for additional storage and to conceal a built-in rangehood.

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Flat panel polyurethane
- **Kickboards** Brushed stainless-steel laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum, Häfele bins
- **Handles** Integral aluminium profile
- **Benchtop** Quantum Quartz in Luna White
- **Splashback** Colour-backed glass
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher** Miele
- **Refrigerator** Sub-Zero
- **Sink** Abey

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Designer: David Kane for Pepper Design, with Cosentino Architectural Surfaces







***We love** the warmth the walnut injects into a highly modern kitchen design.*





EXPERT TIP

Dekton surfaces offer size and thickness versatility, as well as durability through resistance to heat, scratching, stains and UV damage.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Natural walnut, bronze glass
- **Kickboards** Stainless steel
- **Internal hardware** TEAM 7s
- **Handles** Solid aluminium integrated
- **Benchtop** 12mm Dekton Domoos
- **Oven** V-ZUG Combi-Steam and Pyrolytic
- **Cooktop** V-ZUG Induction Maxiflex, wok and teppanyaki
- **Rangehood** Sirius undermount
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr fully integrated
- **Dishwasher** V-ZUG fully integrated
- **Sink** Abey Schock metallic undermount
- **Taps** Gessi Oxygene Hi-Tech
- **Flooring** Polished concrete

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Designer: Carla Waghorn for Designline Kitchens and Bathrooms



EXPERT TIP

If ceilings are low, install floor-to-ceiling cupboards to help create the illusion of extra height.





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and kickboards** Two-tone Dulux Dove Grey, white finger-pull polyurethane
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEM soft-close
- **Benchtop** Quantum Quartz in Alpine White
- **Cooktop** Electrolux
- **Dishwasher** Fisher & Paykel DishDrawers
- **Lights** LED strip
- **Floor** Timber grain-look porcelain tiles

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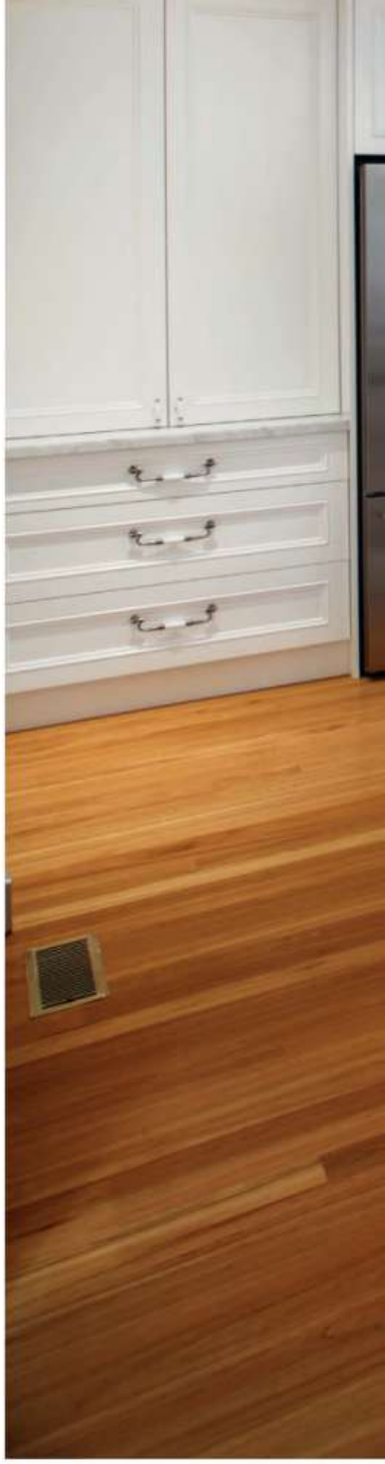
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Designer: Rashi Mathur for Impala Kitchens





EXPERT TIP

For a traditional-style kitchen, incorporate a black-and-white palette, mouldings and decadent fittings.





***We love** the stunning design of the island bench.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Polyurethane doors in Heritage profile
- **Internal hardware** Blum hinges and drawers
- **Handles** Marina Isles
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Frosty Carina, granite in Black Galaxy
- **Splashback** Herringbone patterned tiles
- **Cooktop and dishwasher** Siemens
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Refrigerator** Samsung
- **Sink** Butler ceramic
- **Flooring** Blackbutt

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Corian fabricator: SCF Interiors

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Two-pack polyurethane in Dulux Vivid White, Amerind Rustic reconstructed veneer in Espresso Linea
- **Kickboards** Mirror laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum
- **Handles** Sharknose
- **Benchtop** Corian in Clam Shell, stainless-steel
- **Splashback** Mirror
- **Oven and combi-oven** V-ZUG
- **Cooktop** De Dietrich
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr SICBN 30564 and SICN 3056
- **Dishwasher** ASKO XXL fully integrated
- **Sink** Welded stainless-steel
- **Lighting** LED strip

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HEART OF THE HAMPTONS

"The owners were after a Hamptons-style kitchen, but wanted to add their own individual flair. We tried to maximise space and storage as much as possible to maintain an open feel, which the butler's pantry facilitated. The large island bench is the focal piece of the kitchen and with a beautiful, glossy Caesarstone benchtop, it is perfect for socialising and meals. The neutral colour palette is fresh and inviting and opens up the kitchen. The space is fully functional and practical for everyday living and the high-quality cabinetry and integrated appliances speak for themselves. This kitchen adds a touch of elegance and complements the newly built home in a surrounding rural area. It is now the heart of the home and a space you can truly appreciate."

Designer: Darren Briffa for Sydney West Kitchens







***We love** the matching benchtops and cabinetry of the kitchen and butler's pantry.*





EXPERT TIP

Add your own individual flair to a defined style to create a unique and personal kitchen.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** 18mm MDF Shaker-style door, Dulux polyurethane satin finish in Natural White
- **Kickboards** 150mm-high colonial style, Dulux polyurethane satin finish in Natural White
- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close hinges, Blum TANDEMBOX antaro metal-design soft-close drawers
- **Handles** Furnware Dorset 96mm Hampton cup pull in brushed nickel, Furnware Dorset Hampton round knob in brushed nickel
- **Benchtop** 20mm Caesarstone in Frosty Carrina
- **Splashback** White subway tiles
- **Oven and cooktop** Smeg
- **Rangehood** ILVE
- **Refrigerator** Fisher & Paykel
- **Dishwasher** ASKO
- **Sink** Oliveri
- **Taps** Phoenix Nostalgia sink mixer, Caroma Elegance sink mixer
- **Paint** Dulux full strength in Sandy Day, Dulux full strength in Natural White, Dulux half strength in Natural White
- **Lighting** LED in warm white, Delaware pendant light in chrome finish
- **Flooring** Grey ironbark

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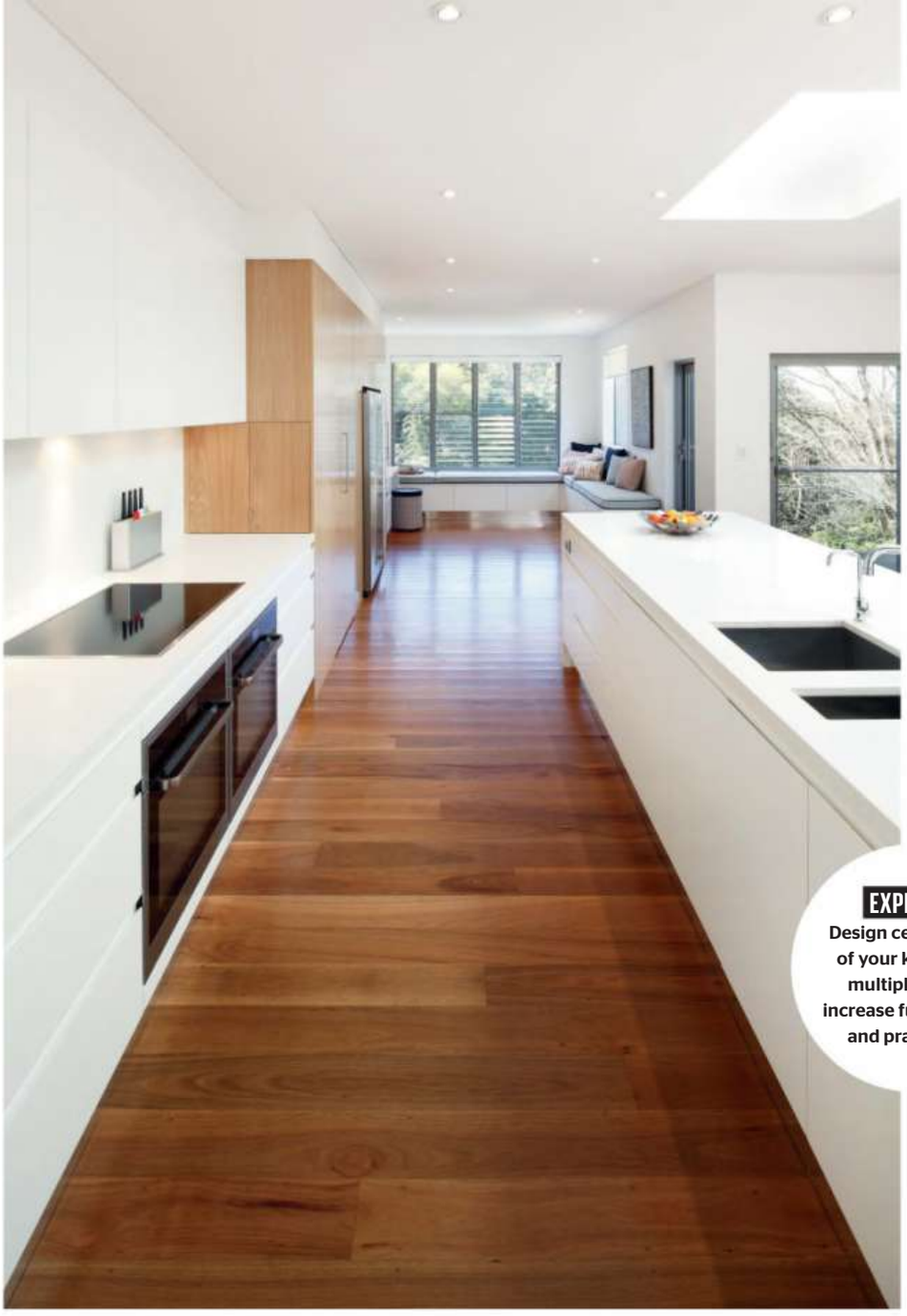
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"This kitchen is a story of subtlety and style. Situated behind the open-plan living and dining area, the kitchen is designed to be perfectly in tune with the rest of the family home. The couple's brief outlined just a few non-negotiables: aside from the addition of the large walk-in pantry, they wanted light timber to bring warmth to the minimalist space. This was achieved through the beautifully crafted American White Oak bifold pantry doors. Underneath the kitchen's clean lines and white polyurethane surfaces lies an ultra-functional hub, designed to make family living and entertaining easier. A bifold appliance cabinet keeps appliances and gadgets on-hand when needed and hidden away when not. The jumbo stone peninsula benchtop doubles as a breakfast bar for casual dining and as valuable meal preparation space. A practical sunroom and study zone makes wonderful use of the far corner. The result is a kitchen that is both stunningly simple and highly practical."

Designer: Andrew Dee for Wonderful Kitchens





***We love** the cleverly concealed bifold appliance cabinet.*



EXPERT TIP

Design certain areas of your kitchen for multiple uses to increase functionality and practicality.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Polyurethane in Dulux Vivid White, timber veneer in American White Oak
- **Kickboards** Mirror laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close door and drawer runners, filing drawers, plate holders, spice holders, Blum ORGA-LINE cutlery and utensil inserts
- **Handles** 45-degree finger pull
- **Benchtop** Quantum Quartz in Alpine White
- **Splashback** Glass in Vivid White
- **Oven, cooktop and dishwasher** ASKO
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Refrigerator** Electrolux
- **Sink** Franke
- **Tap** Billi chilling filter system

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GLOSSY SPACE

"Our clients wanted to create a modern kitchen with smooth, clean lines that felt large and open, despite being surrounded by four walls and a narrow entrance. Large floor tiles and glossy panels open up the space and suit the modern colour palette perfectly. We decided to create a window splashback on the wall behind the cooktop to let in more light and to become a feature on its own. A perpendicular bar was installed in the middle of the island to create both seating and space in the confined area, and to provide a natural entrance to the kitchen. The room opens onto a pool and entertaining area that brings the outside in and makes the kitchen appear even larger. A walk-in pantry was also included to provide more room for meal preparation and entertaining. Extra care and planning were given to the room's dimensions to create this contemporary, relaxing and glossy kitchen."

Designer: Tim Whiteman for Impala Kitchens





EXPERT TIP

Glossy surfaces give the illusion of a larger room.





***We love** the creatively designed, custom splashback.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** ULTRAglaze gloss in Royal Oyster and Silver Metallic
- **Mouldings** Bulkheads finished in Laminex Amari Oak
- **Internal hardware** Blum drawers, Häfele Dispensa Junior pantry, Häfele bin drawer
- **Handles** Flush pull 45 degree with bevelled edge
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Snow with 80mm mitred edge
- **Splashback** Custom window
- **Oven** Smeg pyrolytic
- **Cooktop** Smeg gas
- **Rangehood** Smeg integrated
- **Refrigerator** Samsung French door
- **Dishwasher** Smeg semi-integrated
- **Flooring** Porcelain tiles

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"This kitchen is a marvellous blend of form, function and fun. Our brief was to introduce space and light into a somewhat dark, confined corner kitchen. The owners are art and design lovers, so the new kitchen needed to suit their personalities, lifestyle and the architectural style of this North Fitzroy apartment. Visually, everything centres on the striking glass splashback. A prominent piece of photography, the artwork injects vibrant colours and playful lines into the space. The surrounding palette was drawn from this to achieve a perfect harmony of colour and texture that flows from the kitchen into the adjacent living and dining areas, and outside onto the balcony. Bright, hard surfaces are integrated with beautiful soft timber finishes. Gloss-white cabinetry and Glacier White Corian® benches reflect the light to brighten the space. In a smaller apartment, the layout needed to improve the function, storage and flow of workspaces. Every little detail was considered and is interconnected: each cabinet has a functional system, ensuring good storage and easy access; the Corian® benchtop with integrated sink is both minimal in design detail and easy to maintain; and, concealed behind beautiful timber cabinetry, the appliance space puts everything within easy reach. The result is an open-plan cooking and entertaining area that's not only an eye-catching feature of the home, but also the engine room of everyday life and a pleasure to spend time in."

Designer: Patricia La Torre for OUTSIDEINSIDE Building Elements, using DuPont™ Corian® benchtops





EXPERT TIP

If you have a dark corner kitchen, integrate a pure-white benchtop, such as this one from Corian®, to introduce space and light.





***We love** that there are no visible joins on the large Corian® benchtop.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinetry, panels and kickboards** Amerind Premio in Polar White Reflex; Amerind NFG blackbutt random horizontal application to tall cabinetry, sliding panel, open cabinet, and base-end panel block; Laminex DiamondGloss in Sassi to open shelving and open cabinet insert; Amerind Esse in black to appliance cabinet interior open shelving and trims
- **Internal hardware** Hettich
- **Handles** Hettich stainless-steel brushed handles to tall cabinets
- **Benchtop** 19mm square-edge Corian® in Glacier White
- **Splashback** Visual Resource glass in Nature's Shape #4
- **Oven** Siemens 600mm built-in HB41FC
- **Cooktop** Highland 600mm induction
- **Rangehood** Highland 900mm glass/ stainless-steel Designer Series
- **Refrigerator** Fisher & Paykel
- **Dishwasher** Siemens SpeedMatic fully integrated
- **Sink** Corian® Mixa 613 R10
- **Taps** Teknobili Loop sink mixer
- **Paint** Dulux in Lexicon, Red Blooded, Old Eagle and Slippery Moss
- **Lighting** LED flush-mounted cabinet lighting, About Space pendant light
- **Flooring** Existing timber

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SPACIOUS TRANSFORMATION

"The transformation from the original enclosed kitchen to this well-lit and spacious room dramatically highlights the design possibilities that can be achieved with lateral thinking. Our clients wanted to open up the kitchen to improve its practicality and work flow by creating zones for different functions. The right-hand wall of the kitchen was removed to open the space to the living area and create room for an island bench that could function on all sides. The adjoining room was converted into an expansive and fully functioning butler's pantry, giving the kitchen symmetry and balance. The central hub is the feature island unit, which has become the cooking zone and promotes a natural flow throughout the space. Light streams in from three sides, bringing an open and inviting feel to this modern kitchen."

Designer: Len Drexler of Alby Turner & Son



EXPERT TIP

An island bench creates more space for cooking and helps the natural work flow.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Two-pack gloss in mirror finish
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX intivo drawers, Blum hinges
- **Handles** Hettich finger grip
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Calacatta Nuvo
- **Splashback** Metallic glass
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher** Miele
- **Lights** LED warm white
- **Floor** Porcelain tiles

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EXPERT TIP

Darker shades can be used for more than just dramatic effect; they can also bring much-needed warmth to a space.



A LIGHT, BRIGHT DELIGHT

"The kitchen is the hub of any family home, and that is exactly what we accomplished with this design. The new kitchen had to include both storage and elements of functionality. The warm hues present in the flooring contrast with the crisp tones of the cabinetry and the abundance of natural light, which now make this kitchen an inviting space. The support beam at the corner of the island bench had to be incorporated into the design and we extended the existing space out into the decking area. Beautiful double glass doors were installed to open out to the garden and bring the outside in. We have streamlined the areas of the kitchen where most of the preparation work is done to add functionality, including a refrigerator, oven, pantry and sink. This kitchen is now an open and light-filled retreat with an abundance of bench space and storage."

Designer: Karen Agnew for Better Bathrooms & Kitchens

SHOP THE LOOK

Cabinet doors and panels Tesrol, two-pack satin finish
Handles Ice Box hinge and latch in bright chrome finish
Benchtop Carrara marble, honed granite with waterfall ends and 40mm-edge profile
Splashback Carrara marble, honed granite
Oven ILVE freestanding dual
Refrigerator Chillmax 18-bottle wine fridge
Dishwasher Semi-integrated
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Accessories Hideaway bin
Flooring Baltic pine

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Designer: Mick Popov for Kitchen Design Victoria

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Polyurethane paint in white gloss
- **Kickboards** Brushed-aluminium melamine
- **Internal hardware** Hettich
- **Handles** T-bar
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Atlantic Salt
- **Splashback** Metallic Starphire glass
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher** Miele
- **Lighting** LED in warm white
- **Flooring** Polished porcelain tiles

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EXPERT TIP

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***We love** the warm yellow detailing that separates the kitchen from the dining space.*

VACATION STATION

"I wanted to capture the flow of water with this design, which melded very well with the client's desire to have a kitchen with a resort-like atmosphere – a sort of holiday at home. To that end, I used only the best kitchen hardware, which not only epitomises luxury, but also maximises the available storage space. Built-in handles form a seamless facade to the lower bank of drawers and upper cabinets, creating a beautiful flow to the design, which literally lights up when the highly reflective gloss-lacquer outer is illuminated by the recessed LED downlights. To enhance the opulence, only top-quality stainless-steel appliances were used. I wanted to take the resort feel up a notch and also installed a state-of-the-art Miele coffee maker so quick, flavoursome brews can be enjoyed over the island bench that was placed to showcase the view from the large upper-storey window. From this window, the eye is drawn to the beautifully quirky bubble-cluster light fixed over the bench, across the delicate string of bubble pendant lights to the aquarium opposite, where the ultimate resort statement is made. Who needs to leave this home to enjoy a relaxing holiday?"

Designer: Clive Champion for Kitchen & Home by Clive Champion

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and kickboards** Gloss lacquer
- **Internal hardware** Blum, Kesseböhmer
- **Handles** Built in
- **Benchtop** Limestone honed and filled
- **Splashback** Glass
- **Oven and cooktop** Wolf
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Dishwasher** Miele
- **Refrigerator** Sub-Zero
- **Sink** Blanco Claron
- **Floor** Limestone

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***We love** how the bubble light fixtures exemplify the underwater theme.*

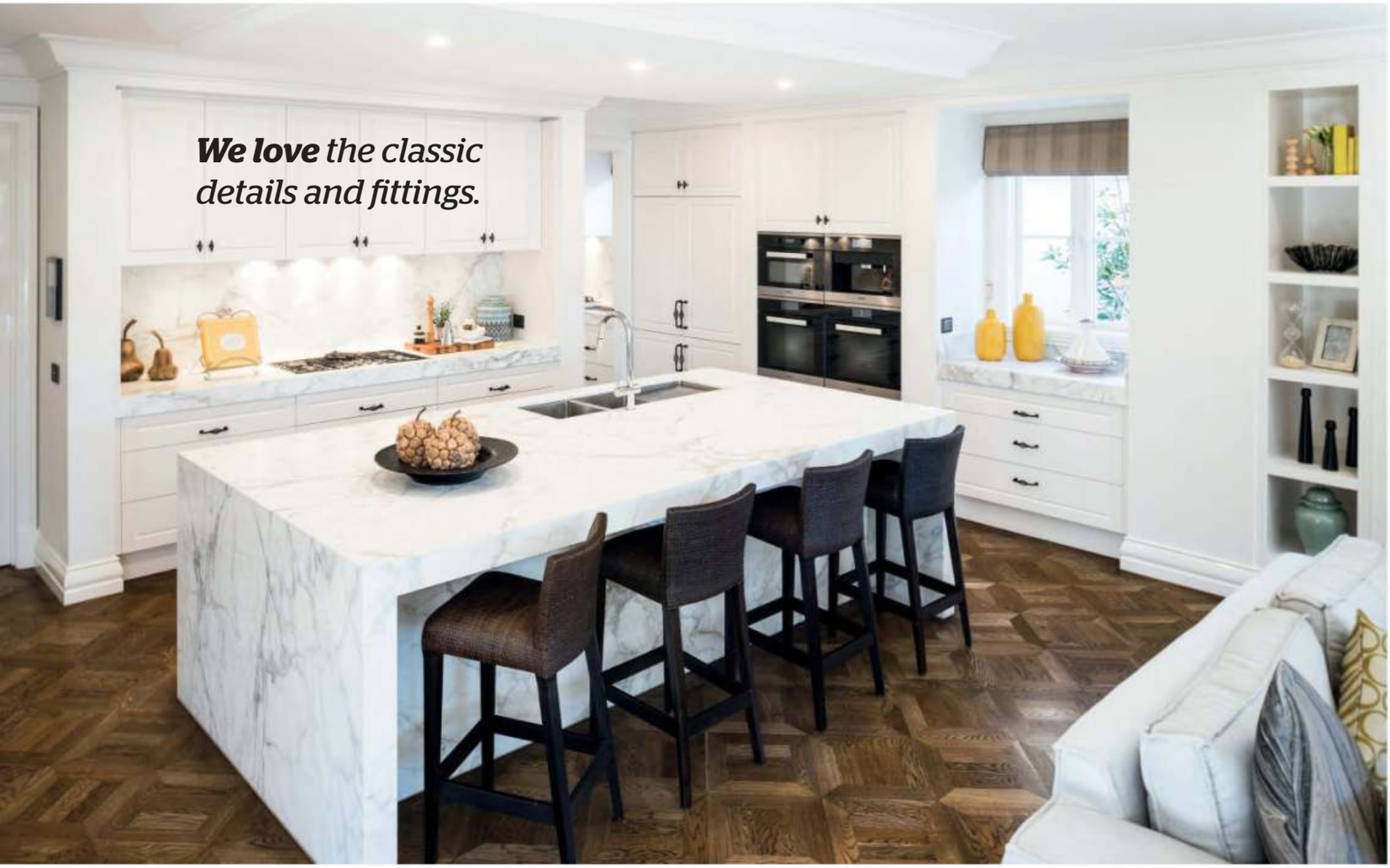




EXPERT TIP

Limestone is a great material, but must be properly treated in order to maximise durability and resistance to stains.



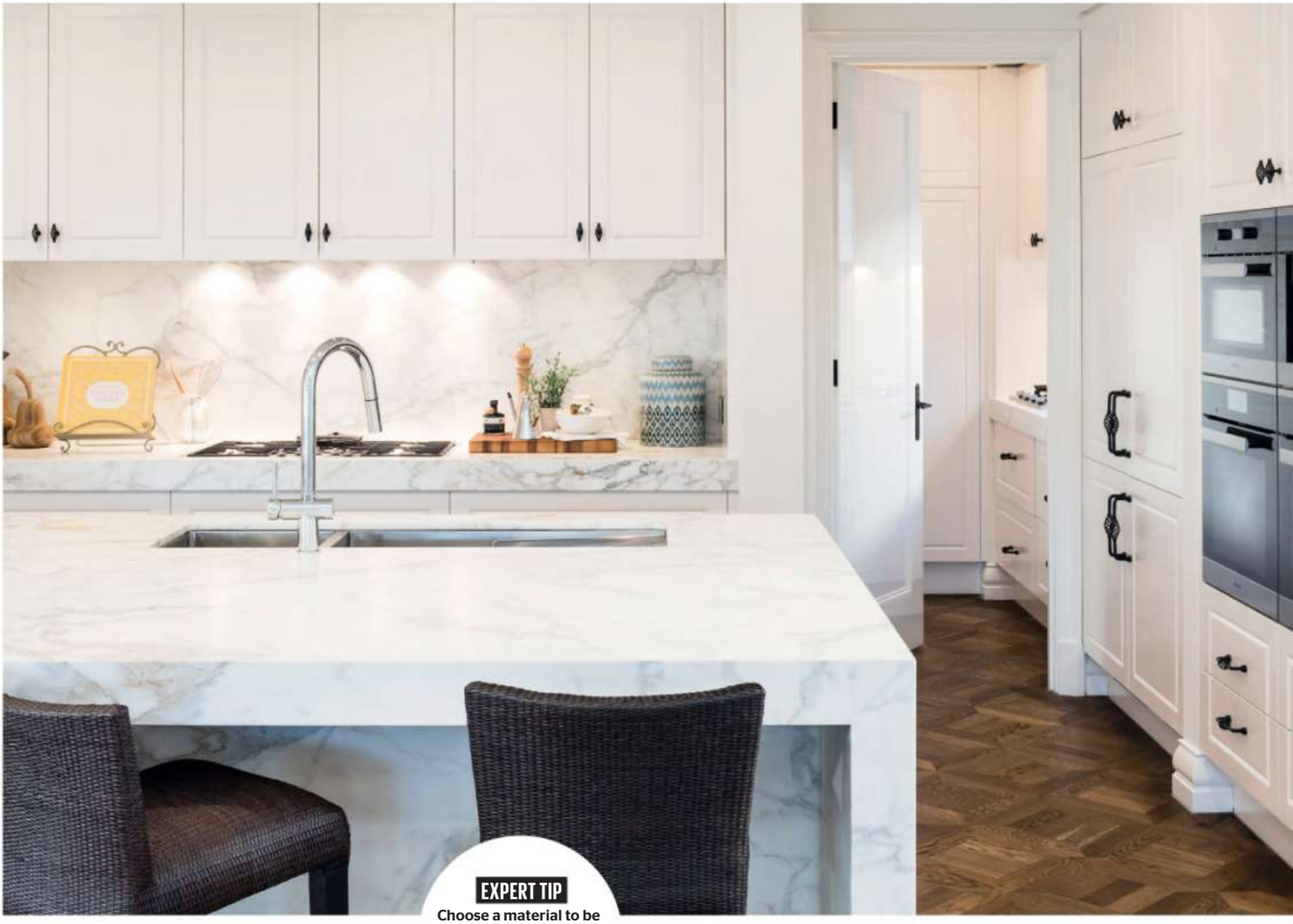


COSY CLASSIC

"This kitchen makes an impression the moment you walk in. It exhibits a grand style yet at the same time a cosy, homely feeling. The huge, elegant marble island bench is the hero of the space, with a beautiful veined marble surface and thick waterfall ends. The client wanted to emphasise a grand style through marble features so we tried to incorporate it where we could, including the island bench, splashback and island back panels. The result is very striking and ties the classic style of the room together. We added a butler's pantry for increased functionality, meaning there is extensive space for storage and meal preparation. The traditional cabinetry and black steel handles evoke a classic style and finish to this stunning kitchen."

Designer: Claire Walker for Complete Kitchens





EXPERT TIP

Choose a material to be the feature of the space and use it strategically for a cohesive look.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Polytec Branxton profile, Dulux two-pack in Natural White
- **Internal hardware** Hettich InnoTech soft-close drawers
- **Handles** Restoration Hardware cage handles in black
- **Benchtop and splashback** Natural Calacatta marble
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood, refrigerator and dishwasher** Miele
- **Sink** AFA
- **Accessories** Miele wine fridge
- **Paint** Dulux in Natural White
- **Lighting** Hettich LED task lighting
- **Flooring** French oak parquetry

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A WINE COLLECTOR'S DREAM

"This stunning kitchen was custom designed to meet the client's requirements down to the smallest detail, creating the perfect family space. The interesting combination of stone, timber and Emporite complement each together to make a very inviting kitchen. A standout feature of this space is the full-height, illuminated wine fridge that sits next to the refrigerator – a must have in a true entertainer's kitchen. The beautiful granite featured on the benchtop and splashback catches the eye and draws you into the space. The walk-in pantry was designed for ease of use in cooking and meal preparation and provides additional storage. The extra-large appliance cabinet has plenty of room for all the small appliances the family use. Glass display cabinets add stylish balance to this elegant space."

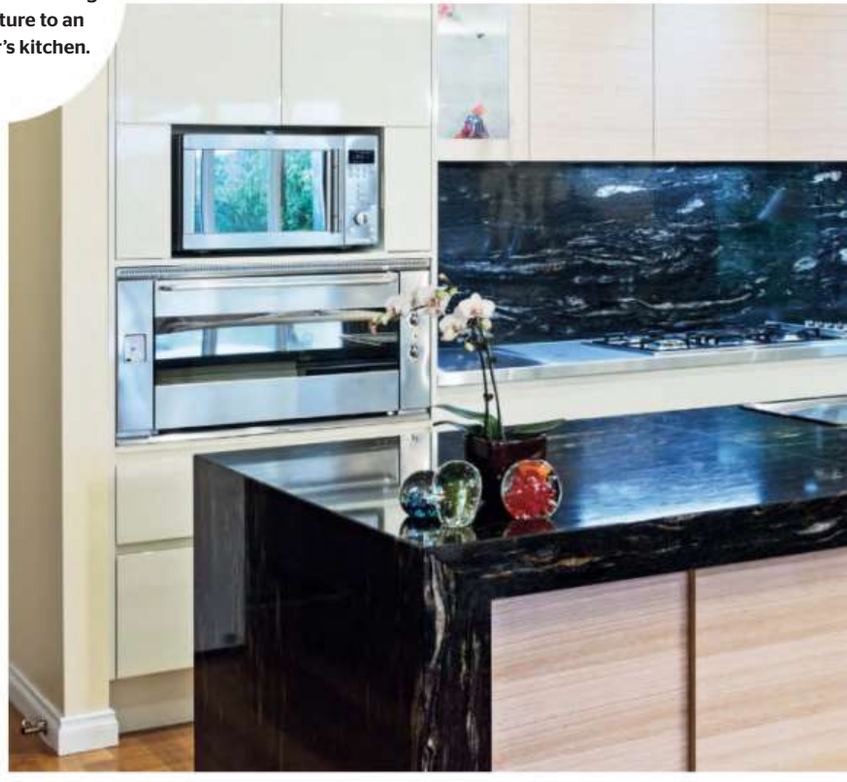
Designer: Ed Mamrot for Inset Kitchens





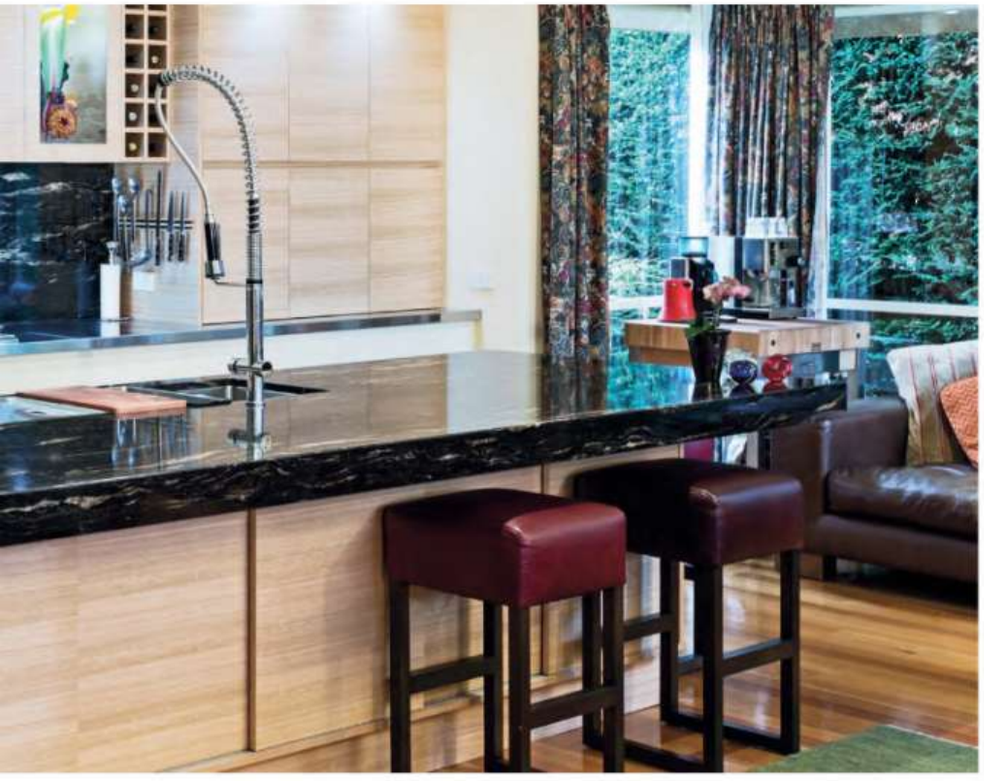
EXPERT TIP

Add a full-height wine fridge as an interesting design feature to an entertainer's kitchen.



We love *the stunning mix of modern materials.*





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Emporite gloss in white, Tasmanian oak veneer
- **Mouldings** Bulkheads with 18mm shadowline
- **Internal hardware** Hettich InnoTech soft-close
- **Handles** Finger recess
- **Benchtop** Natural granite in Cosmic Black, stainless steel
- **Splashback** Natural granite in Cosmic Black
- **Oven, cooktop and dishwasher** Smeg
- **Rangehood** Sirius
- **Refrigerator** French door stainless steel
- **Sink** AFA Exact undermount double bowl with drainer in stainless steel
- **Taps** KBI pull-down spray sink mixers
- **Accessories** Liebherr wine fridge
- **Paint** Dulux Antique White USA
- **Lighting** Hettich LED
- **Flooring** Tasmanian oak

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EARTH, FIRE, WATER, AIR

"The four elements — earth, fire, water and air — were the brief and inspiration for this kitchen. Each element is reflected in this understated design to create an oriental delight. Earth is embodied in the grey stone-look floor tiles, the Walnut Caesarstone benchtops and the soft tones of the Miele Mink-finish appliances. Fire is the hot Orange Drop glass splashback, which visually burns through the custom-charred American oak. Water is the Hettich handles with their arresting ripple effect. Finally, air is realised with the fresh, light palette adorning the walls and essastone benchtops. The kitchen is set apart by its innovative details. The cabinets celebrate the use of simple materials, employing their textures, thicknesses and finishes to create visual impact. With the inclusion of seating around three sides of the island bench, an open, casual dining and entertaining space was created within this family kitchen. The result is a design that beautifully marries contemporary, minimal and modern themes in a practical family space."

Designer: Marija Novosel for Jag Kitchens

***This stunning** kitchen won the prestigious Australian Kitchen Design of the Year award at the 2015 HIA SA Kitchen & Bathroom Awards. It also won Australian Kitchen Project of the Year.*





EXPERT TIP

Lacking inspiration? Nature can help you come up with ideas for your next kitchen or bathroom renovation.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Angus style in Haymes Warm Olive
- **Internal hardware** Hettich, Häfele
- **Handles** Hettich finger grip
- **Benchtop** essastone in Crystal Chalk
- **Splashback** Glass in Orange Drop
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood and dishwasher** Miele
- **Lighting** LED warm white
- **Floor** Porcelain tiles

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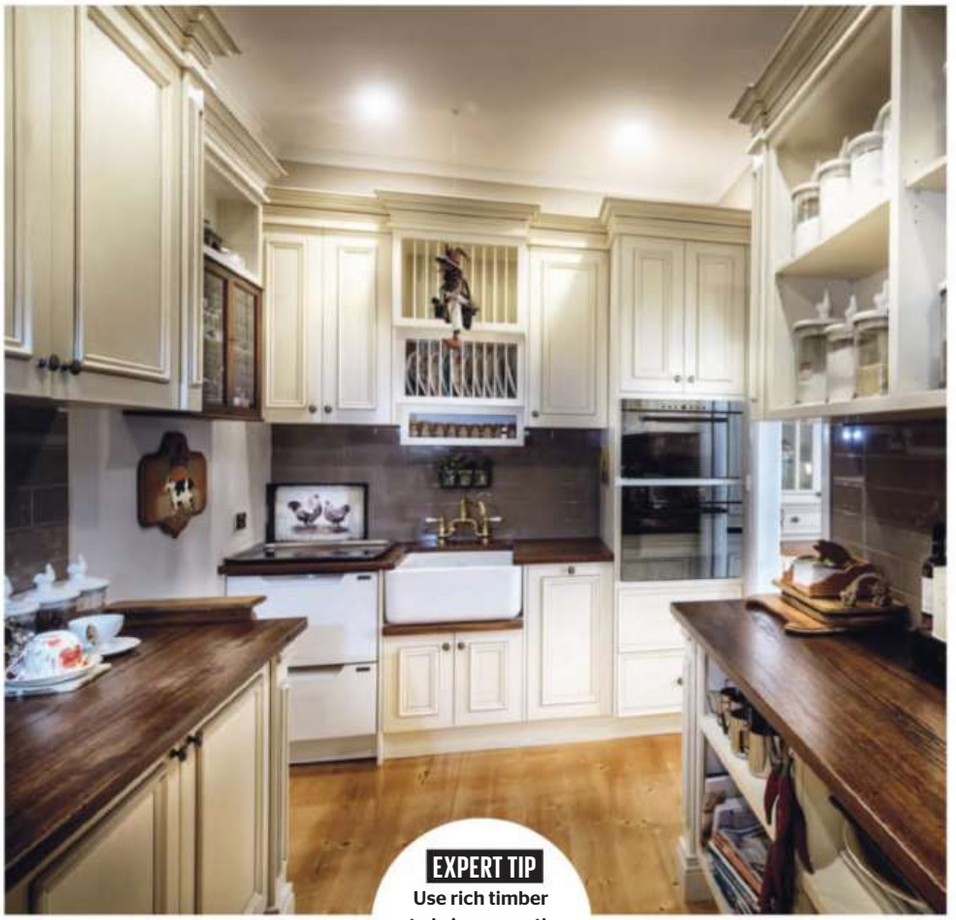
"This stunning French provincial-style kitchen is a welcoming space that is the heart of the home. With four grown children and the owner being an avid cook, this kitchen is used constantly. Plenty of bench space was requested for preparation and entertaining and there is no shortage of that, with the massive 3.8m island bench that is lit up with beautiful overhead pendant lights and finished with a striking set of antique hanging scales. A butler's pantry was installed to provide additional workspace and storage, and the room flows seamlessly into the kitchen. The neutral palette of the cabinetry complements the classic mouldings and contrasts with the gorgeous timber benchtops, which inject warmth into the space. Appliances were integrated to create a clean look, while hidden spice and condiments cupboards on either side of the oven provide convenience and additional storage. The quality of materials and workmanship of this kitchen capture perfectly the French provincial design that the owners wanted."

Designer: Linda Harris for Harris House Kitchens

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EXPERT TIP

Use rich timber to bring warmth to a kitchen with a neutral colour palette.



SMOOTH AND MODERN

"This contemporary kitchen is exactly what the client wanted: smooth and modern. We had quite a large space to work with during the project — which encompassed a complete home fit-out, where we supplied cabinetry for different areas such as the living room, bathrooms and kitchen. The stylish island bench with overhang and integrated bar fridge is the focal point, providing a space for meal preparation, cooking and entertaining with family and friends. The appliances were integrated to create more space and a good work flow throughout the kitchen. The light and dark shades of brown we used for this kitchen complement the stunning white benchtops and elevate it from a standard kitchen. To keep the tones of brown running throughout the space, the splashback went from benchtop to ceiling and then the canopy was fitted over it, creating a unique design feature. A television was placed for easy viewing in the kitchen, and the orange cabinets offer a bright pop of colour."

Design by: Kitchens by Peter Gill

EXPERT TIP

Use tones of the same colour for a modern and seamless design.







***We love** the sleek gloss finishes mixed with the bright pop of orange.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Two-pack gloss in Bogart
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro in white
- **Benchtop** Smartstone in Vanilla
- **Oven** Miele
- **Cooktop** Miele induction
- **Rangehood** Miele
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr integrated
- **Sink** Barazza

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SIMPLE AND ELEGANT

"This beautiful kitchen exemplifies the brief from the client: a modern space with a walk-in pantry and simple, elegant finishes. The previous kitchen was U-shaped, very closed in and did not have a separate space for the pantry. The large island bench is the main feature of the room and is perfect for meal preparation and casual dining. The walk-in pantry is cleverly concealed by a sliding door and has ample storage for cooking and cleaning, with ovens, a sink and a second dishwasher. The stylish white cabinetry, with matching handles for high and low cabinets, is simple but effective and adds a sense of uniformity. The neutral and white colour palette of the kitchen is classic and sophisticated, with timber flooring injecting warmth. This kitchen has been transformed into a great workspace with refined finishes."

Designer: Markus Sawatzki for Let's Talk Kitchens & Interiors







EXPERT TIP

Keep your main kitchen clutter-free by using a concealed pantry for appliances and extra storage.

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and kickboards** Tesrol Doors design 502 edge 3S, two-pack satin finish in Dulux White Polar quarter strength
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro in white
- **Handles** Mother of Pearl & Sons BM pulls and knobs
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Alpine Mist, Caesarstone in Urban
- **Splashback** Caesarstone in Alpine Mist, Starlight glass
- **Oven and cooktop** Miele
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Refrigerator** Miele MasterCool integrated
- **Sink** Franke
- **Accessories** Vintec wine fridge, Zip HydroTap

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***We love** the standout mix of matt grey and metallic on the cylindrical pendant lights above the island bench.*

EASY ENTERTAINER

"It's always nice having a new build, a fresh start, without any of the ghosts of old plumbing and framework. We got to start with a blank slate, but there were still a few restrictions to consider — the most significant being the limited space available in which to realise the clients' dreams. The brief was to create a highly functional kitchen to serve the clients' love of cooking and to cater for large-group entertaining within a relatively small area. Blending the function with a look and feel that softened the impact of the kitchen as it related to the surrounding décor of the open-plan home was an additional challenge. Starting with the upper cabinetry, highly reflective Albedor Classic White Gloss doors and panels complement the reflective smoked mirror splashback and lend an open, spacious feel, magnified by LED lighting. Mirrored kickboards enlarge the room by making the island 'float', and the funky, modern pendant lights seem to lift the ceiling higher than its true measure. Corian benchtops add to the room's modern appeal by showcasing a sleek, seamless look only possible with this material. To ground the design, and reflect the clients' personality, a soft organic look is achieved using a Navurban timber grain exterior to the lower cabinets and island bench, which provides a contrast to the gloss white and works with the feature flooring."

Designer: Matt Grieve for Kitchen Design Studio

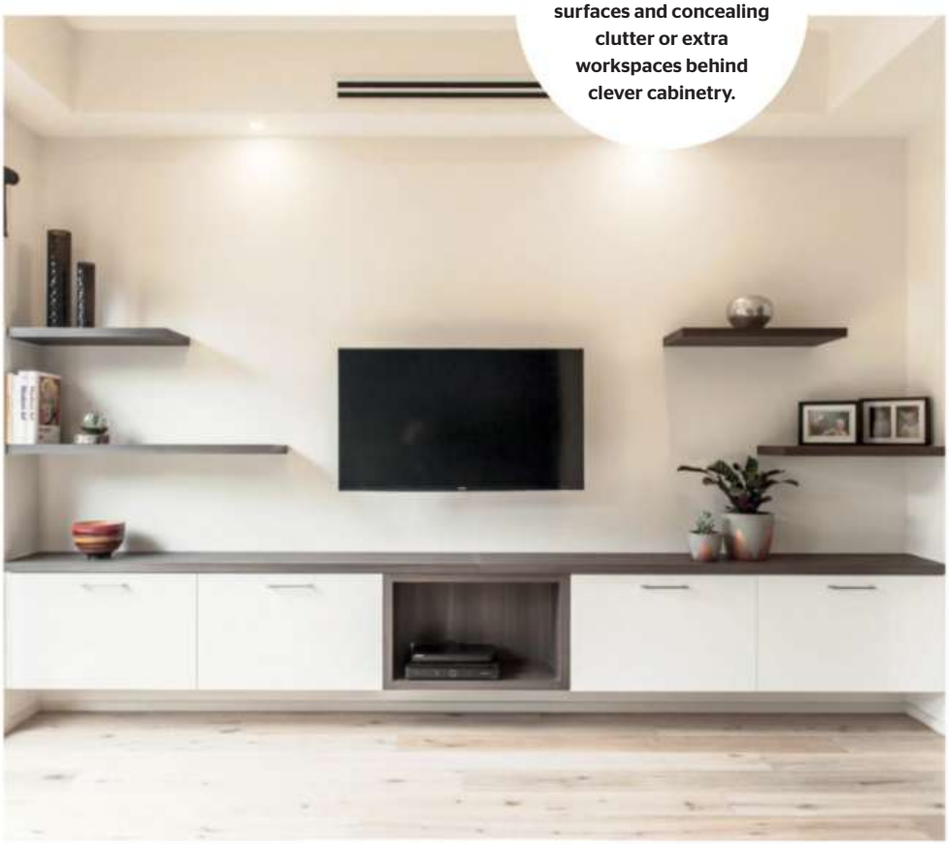






EXPERT TIP

Make a space look larger using reflective high-gloss surfaces and concealing clutter or extra workspaces behind clever cabinetry.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Albedor Classic White Gloss, Navurban timber grain in Docklands
- **Kickboards** Smoked MirrorKote
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro soft-close system
- **Handles** Hettich Suasa in stainless steel
- **Benchtop** Corian in Cirrus White
- **Splashback** Smoked MirrorKote
- **Oven and cooktop** Miele
- **Rangehood** Sirius
- **Refrigerator** Bosch
- **Dishwasher** Asko
- **Sink** Franke
- **Taps** Hansgrohe
- **Paint** Dulux in Grand Piano
- **Lighting** LED undermount
- **Flooring** Harper & Sandilands Aged Oak

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LIGHT AND SHADE

"For their new extension, our clients wanted a bright and trendy kitchen that would not date. The result was this rather modern and minimal design with personality. The large island bench is sleek in design and features a thin, streamlined benchtop with overhang for seating and ample storage. The all-white cabinetry adds light to the space and cleverly conceals storage and a study area. A standout feature within the cabinetry is the contrasting black feature box, which offers a dramatic, moody aspect. We also added open shelving above the study nook for personality and to display the owners' items. The stylish pendant lights bring an industrial element to the minimalist space and complement the dark tones of the black feature box. The kitchen is finished beautifully with light Royal Oak flooring, creating a room that will stand the test of time."

Designer: Stuart Dougall for Melbourne Contemporary Kitchens





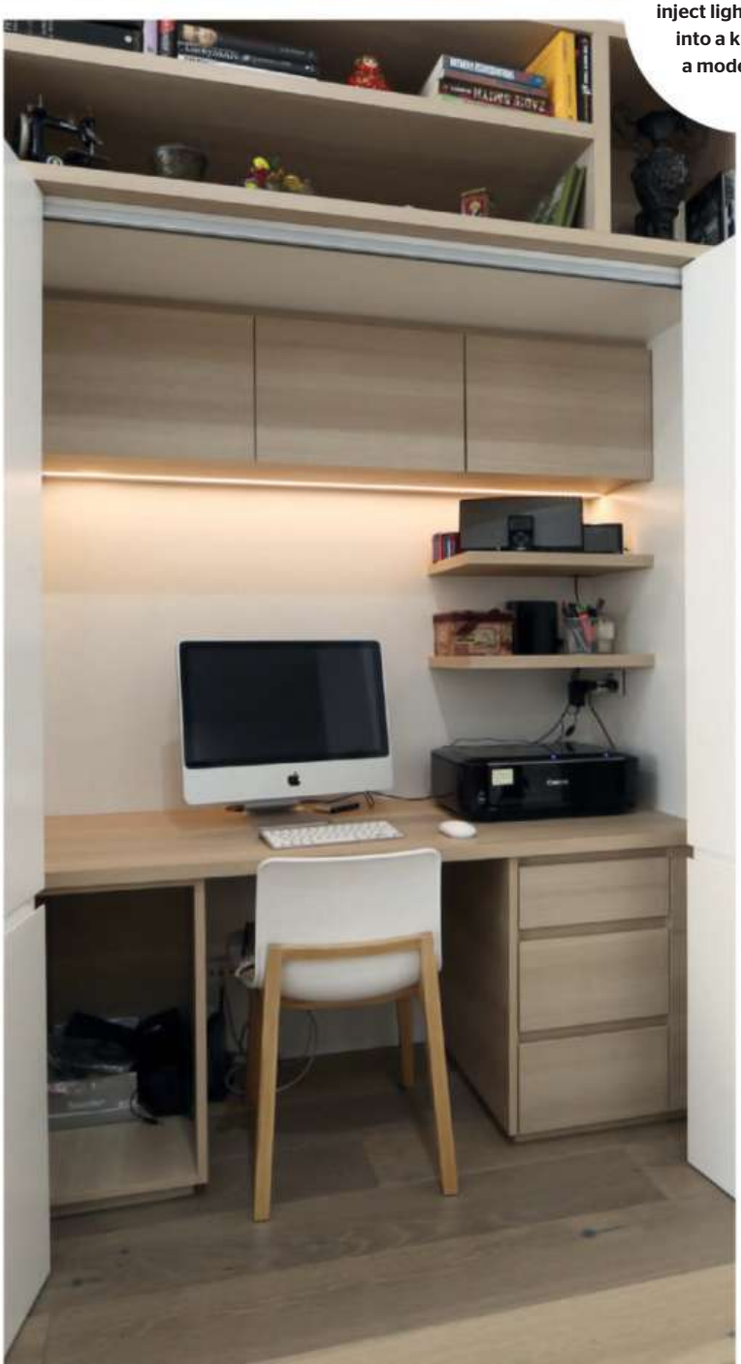
***We love** the dramatic, glossy, black feature box.*

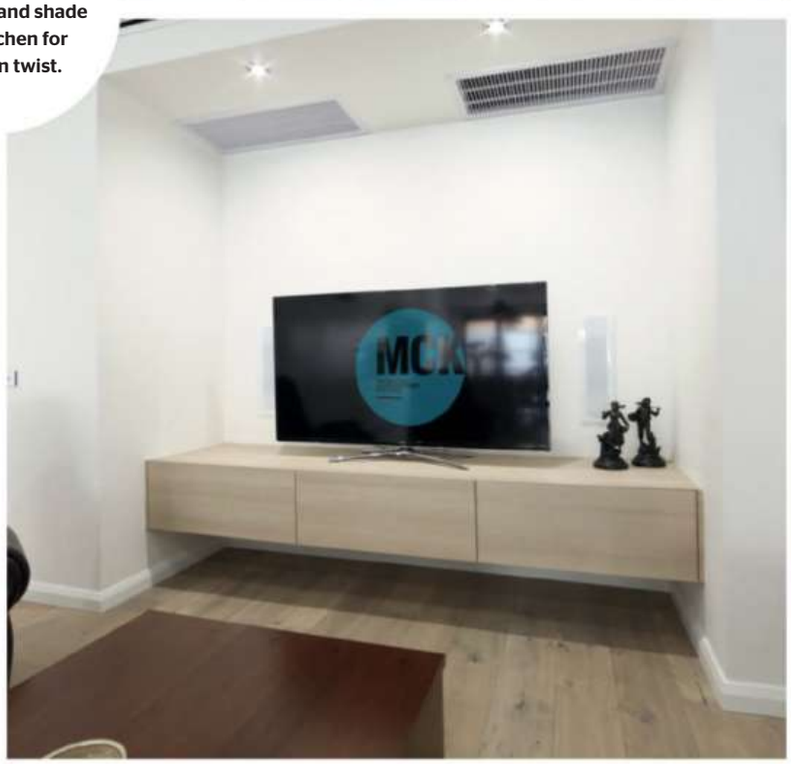




EXPERT TIP

Play with colour to inject light and shade into a kitchen for a modern twist.





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Navurban veneer in Airlie Beach, two-pack Dulux in Nearly White satin finish
- **Internal hardware** Blum antaro soft-close drawers, Blum antaro sink drawers, Blum SERVO-DRIVE for AVENTOS, Blum soft-close hinges, Blum SERVO-DRIVE uno, Häfele Kesseböhmer cabinet pull-out, Häfele One2Five bin
- **Benchtop** Dekton in Domoos
- **Oven and warming drawer** Siemens
- **Cooktop** Siemens induction
- **Rangehood** Sirius undermount
- **Sink and taps** BLANCO SILGRANIT
- **Lighting** Matt Blatt pendants, Häfele LED channel in warm white
- **Flooring** Royal Oak

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***We love** how storage has been integrated into the island benchtop.*

WHITE JOY

"This beautiful and light kitchen is exactly what the client wanted, and the pictures tell the tale of their joy. The space is smooth and clean, and has ample storage implemented in unique design features to create a kitchen that is both functional and aesthetically pleasing. The glossy white overhead cabinetry provides additional space for appliances, with the rangehood seamlessly integrated, adding to the modern style of the room. The long island bench is the focal point, with an overhang of the gorgeous white benchtop for casual seating. A large cabinet and raised benchtop built into one end of the island provides further storage. We installed corner units for increased space utilisation with easy access. Classic handles and a white tiled splashback unify the contemporary style of the kitchen. The stunning, rich timber floor adds warmth to the space and complements the neutral palette beautifully."

Design by: No Fuss Kitchens, with Victoria Builders

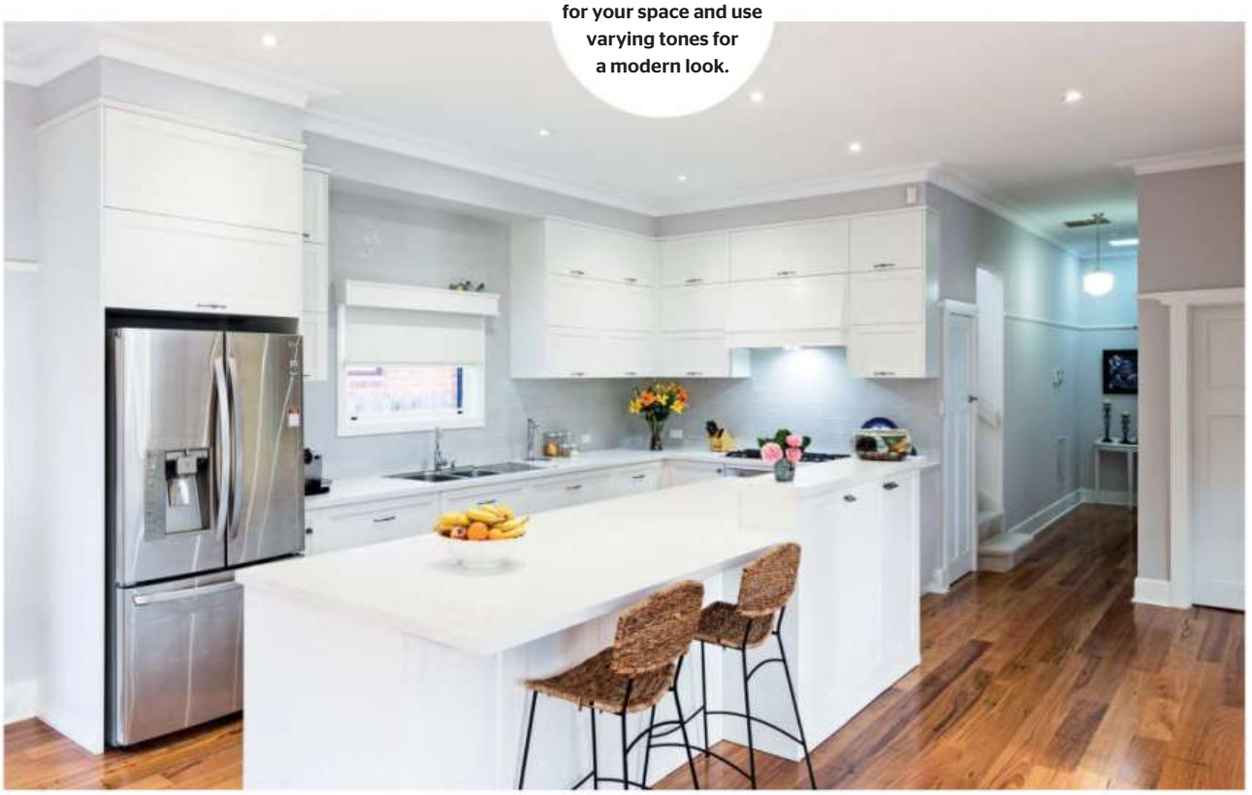






EXPERT TIP

Choose a single colour for your space and use varying tones for a modern look.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close with electronic doors, Häfele LeMans corner unit
- **Refrigerator** LG double door with ice and water
- **Dishwasher** Smeg horizontal 900mm wide
- **Rangehood** Schweigen no-noise unit
- **Accessories** Zip HydroTap

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CONTEMPORARY EUROPE

"We absolutely nailed the clients' brief, providing them with a modern and clean kitchen that can be enjoyed by family and friends. The clients wanted a functional room that would look great from every angle, and would be accommodating for both casual dining and formal entertaining. The kitchen is connected seamlessly to the European-inspired courtyard, bringing the outside in and creating a natural feel. The entire kitchen was converted through levelling the ceiling and removing windows and doors, completely opening the space and creating room for the new laundry and cooking areas. The Silestone benchtops and splashback work with the timber-grain laminate to soften the space, as does the new aerated concrete floorboards. The woodgrain and two-pack satin finish complement each other perfectly, placing a modern kitchen comfortably in a more traditional-style building. The kitchen suits the house beautifully, and looking in from the external courtyard it feels like the kitchen just belongs."

Designer: Frank Iaria for Mint Kitchens



EXPERT TIP

If you can, modifying the original structure of a room may help you create more space or find a more functional layout.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Two-pack in Pearl Grey satin finish
- **Panels** CLEAF laminate in Dark Teak
- **Kickboards** Laminated brushed stainless steel
- **Internal hardware** Blum antaro
- **Handles** Lincoln Sentry Barra in brushed nickel
- **Benchtop and splashback** Silestone Lyra

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SOFT AND CLASSIC

"This kitchen incorporates the clients' brief of a small usable space for a husband and wife team, while also offering something different and versatile. They wanted a kitchen that was easy to use, easy to clean, with storage that required minimal bending and stretching. Accessible from the dining and outdoor entertaining areas, the kitchen allows guests and hosts to interact while entertaining. The classic soft tones used in the space have a relaxing and elegant feel. The overhead cabinets and shelving provide a more modern detail and create the illusion of space. Warmth was injected by using timber-look tiles, providing the clients with flooring that is easily maintained. This kitchen has a striking, yet subtle appeal that showcases interesting attention to detail and function. The materials chosen create a clever and comfortable ambience and provide a functional solution for family and friends to enjoy for years to come."

Designer: Angela Gianakis for Outside Square



***We love** the beautiful blend of soft colours and textures.*

EXPERT TIP

Placing ovens side-by-side, rather than in one column, positions hot food at a safe, accessible height and reduces bending or stretching.



SHOP THE LOOK

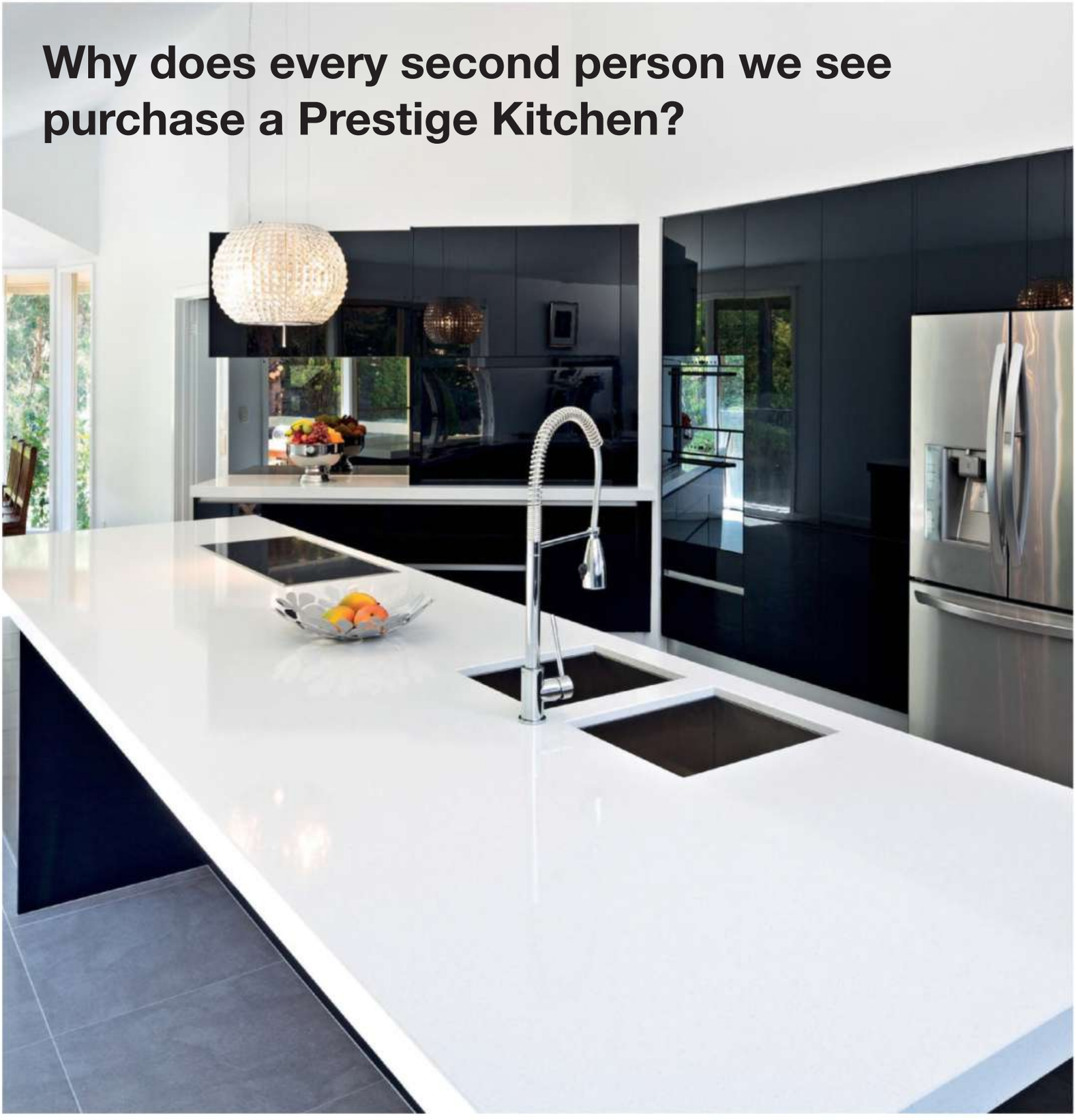
- **Cabinet doors and panels** Laminate in Mist Grey, laminate in Smoke Melange
- **Handles** Nickel
- **Benchtop** Solid surface
- **Splashback** Glass
- **Sink** Double-bowl stainless steel
- **Taps** ONO Highflex sink mixer
- **Paint** Lilium
- **Floor** Black porcelain timber-look tiles

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***We love** the Caesarstone benchtop and how it ties all the areas of the kitchen together.*

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Designer: Rodney Pietzsch for Prestige Kitchens

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Ultra-high-gloss acrylic with 3D glass bead edge
- **Internal hardware** Blum
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Frosty Carrina
- **Splashback** Starphire glass
- **Oven** Electrolux
- **Cooktop** Neff
- **Rangehood** Schweigen Silent IsoDrive
- **Dishwasher** ASKO
- **Refrigerator** Westinghouse
- **Sink** Ariane by Franke
- **Taps** Franke

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EXPERT TIP

Handle-less drawer systems are the ultimate modern statement. Not only do they look great, they create an element of space in any kitchen.

TASTE OF PROVENCE

"Traditional French flavour lives harmoniously with modern convenience to inspire a love of cooking and entertaining in this kitchen. True to French provincial style, the mantle forms the heart of the space. Its spacious interior and put-down areas on either side give the owner ample room to prepare and cook with minimal movement. The intricate capping and moulding is both elegant and understated, and the symmetrical wall cabinets provide visual harmony. On the opposite side, a benchtop in Smartstone Botticino provides space for buffet entertaining on a grand scale while, around the corner, the breakfast bar allows the cook to enjoy a casual drink with guests. As with any French provincial kitchen, the beauty is in the detail, from the clean, classic white tiles behind the cooktop to the focused task lighting that makes preparation and cooking a breeze. Behind its traditional looks, the kitchen incorporates the most modern appliances and hardware such as Hettich pull-out drawers, soft-close fittings and extensions."

Designer: Rob Barclay for Smith & Smith Kitchens



***We love** the wonderful ease of cooking and entertaining that this kitchen provides.*



EXPERT TIP

Intricate and classic mouldings add a hint of French style to your kitchen.







SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinetry and panels** Smith & Smith flat-panel door with textured two-pack finish
- **Kickboards** Dulux White On White
- **Mouldings** Dulux Grand Piano full strength, Dulux White On White full strength
- **Internal hardware** Hidden timber/felt cutlery glides, Hettich pull-out drawers in mantle, Hettich single-extension soft-close drawer runners, Hettich soft-close door hinges, LVDL in base and top of glass-door cabinets
- **Handles** Castella French Provincial range
- **Benchtop** Smartstone Botticino 60mm double half-bull-nose bench-edge profile
- **Splashback** White tiles
- **Oven, cooktop, rangehood, microwave, and dishwasher** Miele
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr
- **Paint** Doors in Dulux Grand Piano one-eighth strength, mantlepiece in Dulux Grand Piano full strength, walls in Dulux Grand Piano three-quarter strength
- **Flooring** New oak polished timber

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***We love** the gorgeous brick-format splashback tiles.*

FRENCH PROVINCIAL

"In their new home expansion, our clients wanted their kitchen and butler's pantry to have French provincial charm without being too ornate or ostentatious. They wanted the refrigerator in the butler's pantry for easy access and extra food preparation space. This meant the main kitchen design didn't have any visual compromises and we could implement a symmetrical shape. The butler's pantry is extremely practical, with storage, bench space and a sink. The beautiful, ornate mantle with subtle moulding is a feature of the kitchen, being as functional as it is aesthetically pleasing. The stunning brick-format glass tiles complement the white profiled cabinetry and soft, lightly veined Caesarstone benchtop. This striking kitchen mixes the French provincial style with modern materials for a unique space."

Designer: Mark Tonkin for Rosemount Kitchens



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Polytec thermolaminated doors in Classic White matt
- **Moulding** Two-pack mantle and dentil capping
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro drawers, Häfele comfort pull-out, CLIP top BLUMOTION hinge system
- **Handles** Castella in matt black
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Vanilla Noir
- **Splashback** Southern Cross Splashbacks in Caviar Brick
- **Oven** Smeg
- **Rangehood** Sirius
- **Sink** Chambord, Villeroy & Boch
- **Accessories** Vintec bar fridge

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EXPERT TIP

Mix elements from a particular design style with fresh ideas for a modern update.



***We love** the stunning custom-designed splashback.*

EXPERT TIP

Use glossy shades of white to enable a colourful feature to shine bright.

A PERSONAL TOUCH

"The striking, custom-made glass splashback is the standout feature of this all-white kitchen. When the client initially contacted us, they were seeking a painted glass splashback in a gold metallic colour. During our consultation, we became aware that the client's mother was Melbourne artist Lois Campbell, and we suggested featuring one of her paintings. The clients loved the idea. The splashback pops against the bright white cabinetry and sleek white benchtops. The recessed finger pulls create a seamless, minimalist style — the perfect backdrop for a work of art. The splashback design flows and wraps effortlessly around the walls, taking centre stage in the kitchen. Natural light shines through the space, highlighting the glossy white colour scheme of the kitchen and the lively colours of the glass."

Design by: Vivant Glass

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Splashback** Vivant Glass toughened Starphire glass with custom digital print

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"Crisp lines and delicious textures blend perfectly in this seamless, modern kitchen. The striking LithoStone benchtops in Calacatta Gold stand out against a palette of gloss-grey subway tiles, while recycled timber from the famous St Kilda pier adds subtle texture and personality. The owners wanted a completely unobtrusive design with an innovative solution for the pantry. To achieve this desired simplicity, a combination of mechanical SERVO-DRIVE and push-release doors were chosen, together with sleek, semi-integrated appliances. The handle-less style means the eye is immediately drawn to the exquisite combination of old and new, smooth and textured. The result is a generous, light, open-plan kitchen that embraces a busy, social lifestyle and accentuates the beautiful architectural home."

Designer: David Martin for The Kitchen Place





EXPERT TIP

Be inspired by your surroundings. Recycled timber is a great way to add unique personality to a kitchen design.





***We love** the LithoStone Calacatta Gold benchtops against the subway tiles.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Emporite 60 per cent gloss finish, Dulux in Natural White
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro with SERVO-DRIVE in white, Häfele LeMans corner units, Häfele pull-out pantry with SERVO-DRIVE
- **Benchtop** LithoStone in Calacatta Gold
- **Splashback** Subway tiles in grey
- **Oven** Bertazzoni
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Dishwasher** Miele semi-integrated
- **Refrigerator** Electrolux
- **Microwave** Panasonic
- **Sink** Franke
- **Taps** Billi 5000

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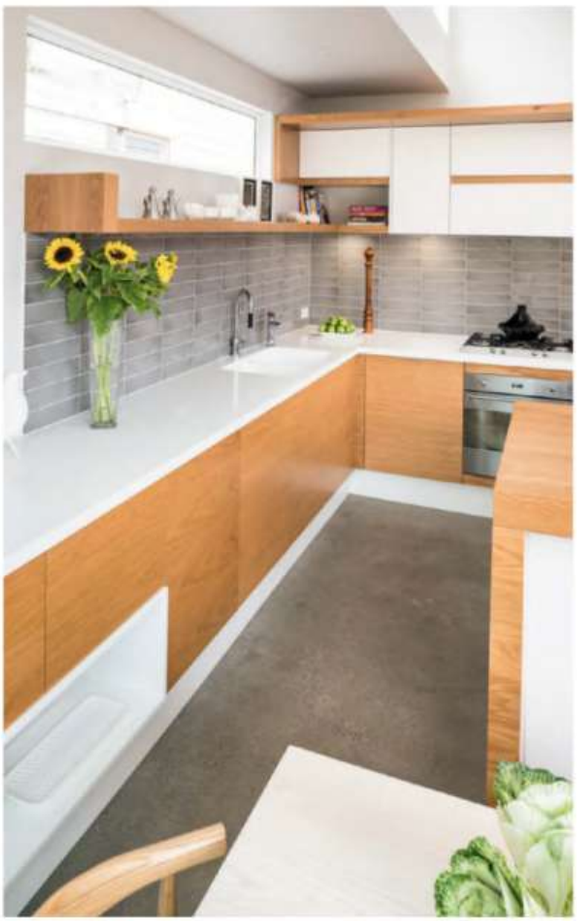
"Modern and traditional materials and finishes were used in unique ways to create this classy designer kitchen, which is both warm and inviting. American oak is the standout feature of the space and has been used on the doors, the island benchtop, accent shelving and handles. The kitchen and dining areas are divided by a moveable display unit, which is a stunning centrepiece on its own. The owners wanted two separate yet functional areas, with the option of still being able to open up the entire space when required. The beautifully crafted American oak and Corian island benchtop complements the open-plan design of the kitchen. Sleek, clean lines were created by using horizontal handles, thick shelving and an uninterrupted expanse of benchtop. The appliances were positioned away from the main traffic area to minimise interference with the dining space. This kitchen is a stunning mix of traditional timber and modern finishes — a truly unique design."

Designer: Daryl Watkins for Smith & Smith Kitchens



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** American white oak veneer in clear satin two-pack polyurethane, Dulux satin two-pack polyurethane in white
- **Internal hardware** Blum electronic SERVO-DRIVE twin bin
- **Handles** Blum touch-to-open catches, horizontal American oak timber G grips
- **Benchtop** Corian in white, 100mm-thick mitred solid American white oak
- **Splashback** Tiles
- **Oven and cooktop** Smeg
- **Refrigerator** Electrolux
- **Dishwasher** IKEA
- **Sink** Corian integrated
- **Flooring** Polished concrete



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***We love** how natural timber is integrated into the pendant lighting.*









EXPERT TIP

A moveable display unit can be used to open or separate kitchen and living areas.





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"Every classic detail of this stylish kitchen was built with excellence and precision to create a space of luxury French provincial style. The room was designed with a plywood carcass to ensure durability and a kitchen that would stand the test of time. The Calacatta marble used for the benchtop and splashback adds a touch of traditional opulence to the room and complements the neutral colour palette of the walls and cabinetry. The antique brass handles and classically designed pendant lights add to the French provincial style of the space. We installed a special profile underneath the wall cabinets to include downlights that brighten and highlight the glossy surface of the marble benchtop. The beauty of the room is finished with the gorgeous parquetry flooring that suits the classic kitchen perfectly."

Designer: Phillip Mannerheim for Royal Regal Kitchens and Furniture





EXPERT TIP
Parquetry floors add a decorative touch to a minimalist kitchen.

***We love** how the matching benchtop and splashback ties the French provincial style together.*

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Two-pack with pattern, Dulux in Grand Piano
- **Mouldings** Custom design
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX soft-close
- **Handles** Pittella Antique
- **Benchtop and splashback** Calacatta marble
- **Oven** Gaggenau
- **Cooktop and sink** Barazza
- **Refrigerator** Miele integrated fridge and freezer
- **Dishwasher** Miele
- **Flooring** Parquetry

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EXPERT TIP

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Designer: Patrick Raschella for Magic Kitchens & Furniture



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Two-pack 30 per cent polyurethane
- **Kickboard** Includes integrated ducted heating vent
- **Internal hardware** Hettich InnoTech drawers and internal fittings, Hettich IQ unit
- **Handles** Traditional style
- **Benchtop** Reconstituted stone tiles
- **Splashback** Tiled by client
- **Floor** Original polished timber

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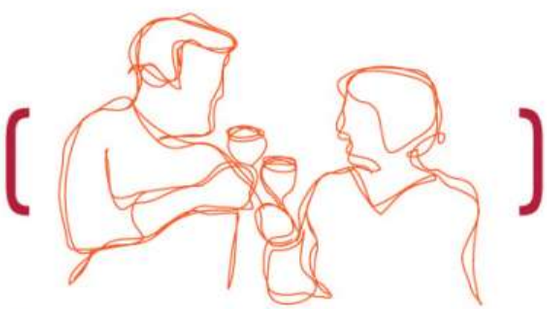
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BLACK BEAUTY

"Developed as a multi-level warehouse conversion in Melbourne's inner suburb of Richmond, the previous kitchen was of a similar layout but lacked modern amenities and storage solutions. Tired of its basic design, the owners knew it was time for a makeover and handed the job over to our expertise and superior workmanship. The whole concept of the new design was to keep everything concealed and as unobtrusive as possible, so the first solution was to open the former fridge area and create a concealed but functional walk-in pantry and preparation area. I knew the owners loved to cook and entertain, so special attention was given to the overall layout of the kitchen to allow both partners enough room to work together in the same space. The island was greatly simplified to create an uncluttered preparation bench that was big enough to act as a serving area as well. The oven and microwave were set in the island, purposely positioned away from the cooktop and sink, allowing better access to the appliances and a closer proximity to the serving area. Not only does this emphasise the striking yet modest design, but also caters for the needs of the owners and their social lifestyle. There are also a few other special features about this state-of-the-art kitchen, including the best appliances available, such as Miele, DéLonghi and Bosch, not to mention the best-quality fixtures, drawers, bin solutions and concealed under-cabinet task lighting. Coupled with the existing resurfaced timber flooring, the final statement of this designer kitchen was the choice of finish for which the black-on-black was chosen for dramatic effect. Striking in appearance, this kitchen not only defines the beautiful and bold design of the rest of the home, it creates an effortless function even a head chef couldn't resist."

Designer: Bruce Goode for The Kitchen Place





EXPERT TIP

An all-black kitchen makes a dramatic design statement.







***We love** the clever layout of positioning the microwave and oven away from the cooktop and sink to facilitate entertaining.*

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Amerind Jet Black gloss
- **Internal hardware** Blum
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Night Sky with 60mm arris edge
- **Splashback** Glass
- **Oven and cooktop** Miele
- **Rangehood** DéLonghi
- **Dishwasher** Bosch
- **Refrigerator** Liebherr
- **Sink** Franke

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EXPERT TIP

Incorporating two sinks and two ovens creates more space and efficiency for meal preparation.

BON APPETIT

"The original kitchen was essentially a constricted box with narrow benches and one entry point — completely impractical for the clients and their adult children, who all love to cook. The footprint of the original kitchen allowed for the majority of the walls to be removed to achieve a more open design with two entry points, as requested by the clients. In keeping with their wishes we managed to incorporate two separate sinks and ovens for simultaneous cooking and roasting, as well as a breakfast bar situated by the window to catch the morning sunlight. A generous injection of extended-width bench space meant we were able to install more drawers, boosting an abundance of storage. I wanted to create visual interest by contrasting the organic-looking timber sections with the clean, polished look of the high-gloss drawers and cabinetry, and the sleekness of the stainless-steel fittings and black glass panelling. Turning the remaining structural wall into a design feature provides framed views of the kitchen from the dining area, and allows someone standing at the second sink to interact with the living areas of the home. This feature gives the kitchen a really unique point of interest, stamping it as a one-off, original design."

Designer: Chris Peters for Ultimate Kitchens & Bathrooms

***We love** how an existing structural wall has been cleverly turned into a design feature.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Albedor Industries Savoy with Holly profile, Dulux in Natural White gloss, crown-cut oak veneer
- **Kickboards** Stainless-steel laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum inserts and soft-close runners
- **Handles** Artia Lucca in brushed nickel
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Osprey with 40mm Aris edge
- **Splashback** Black glass
- **Oven** Neff pyrolytic
- **Cooktop** Smeg
- **Rangehood** Qasair 900 retractable
- **Microwave** Panasonic
- **Sink** Franke Neptune Plus, Tech 75U single bowl
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- **Lighting** LED

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***We love** the beautiful marble splashback.*

EUROPEAN MARVEL

"The layout of this kitchen was completely changed to create a functional and bright space with ample storage. The design is based on European-style kitchens with natural elements. Natural stone marble was chosen to highlight the inspired curved look of the kitchen and to create a sense of luxury. The understated white and grey tones of the stunning marble benchtop complement the marble tile splashback and have a distinct European feel. The extensive cabinetry provides more than enough storage and was painted in an Antique White USA finish to suit the colour scheme of the kitchen and reflect the natural light. The black island bench stands out and was designed as the feature of the space. The layout maximises storage and creates a natural flow for meal preparation and entertaining."

Designer: Ben Zhou for Smart Kitchens & Blinds









EXPERT TIP

Matching your benchtop and splashback creates a luxurious, streamlined look.





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Two-pack
- **Kickboards** Aluminium with stainless-steel look
- **Internal hardware** Blum
- **Handles** Knobs, curved handles
- **Benchtop** Marble stone
- **Splashback** Marble tiles
- **Oven** 900mm electric
- **Cooktop** 900mm gas
- **Rangehood** Integrated
- **Refrigerator** Double door
- **Dishwasher** Stainless look
- **Sink and taps** Traditional European
- **Paint** Antique White USA

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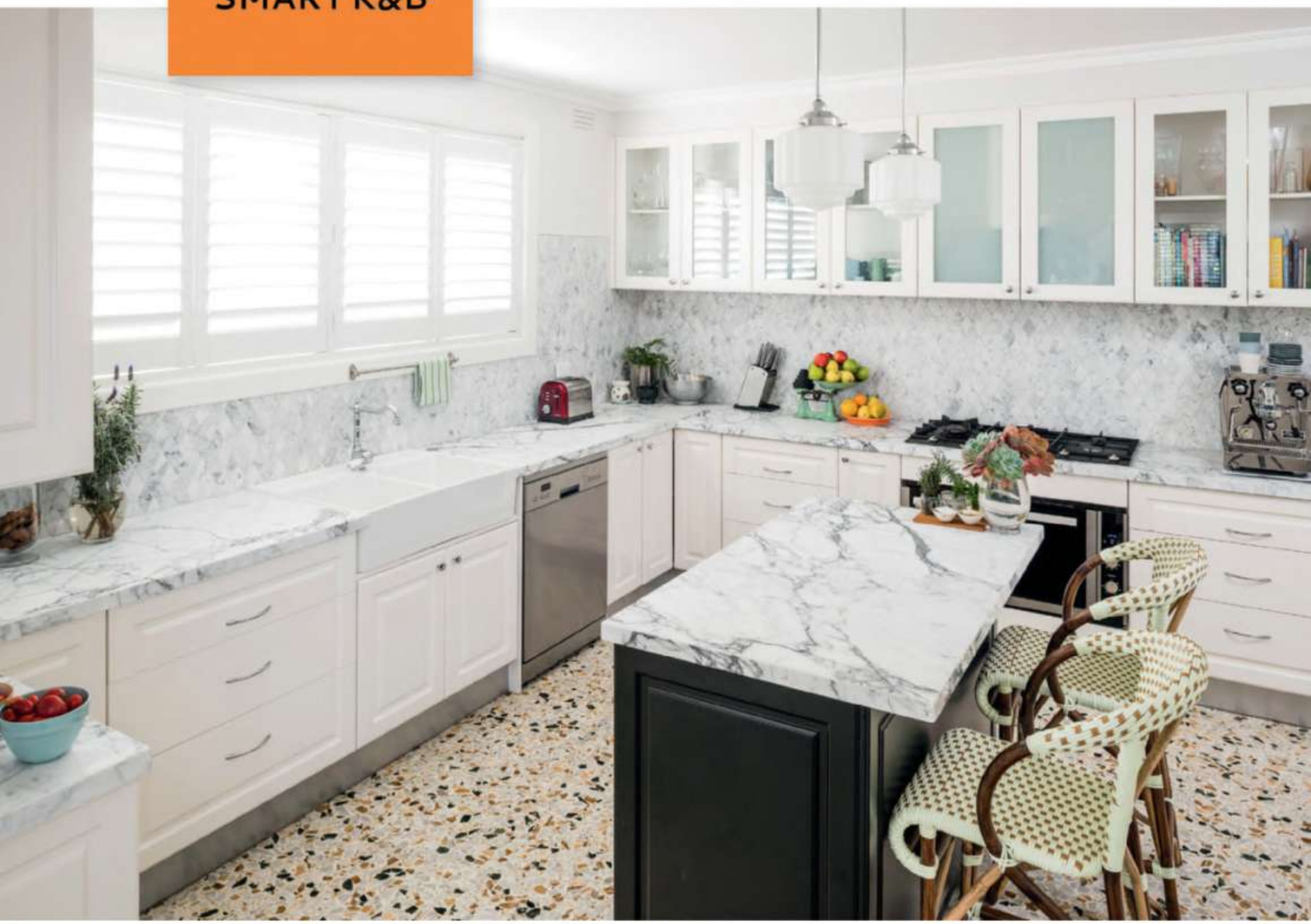
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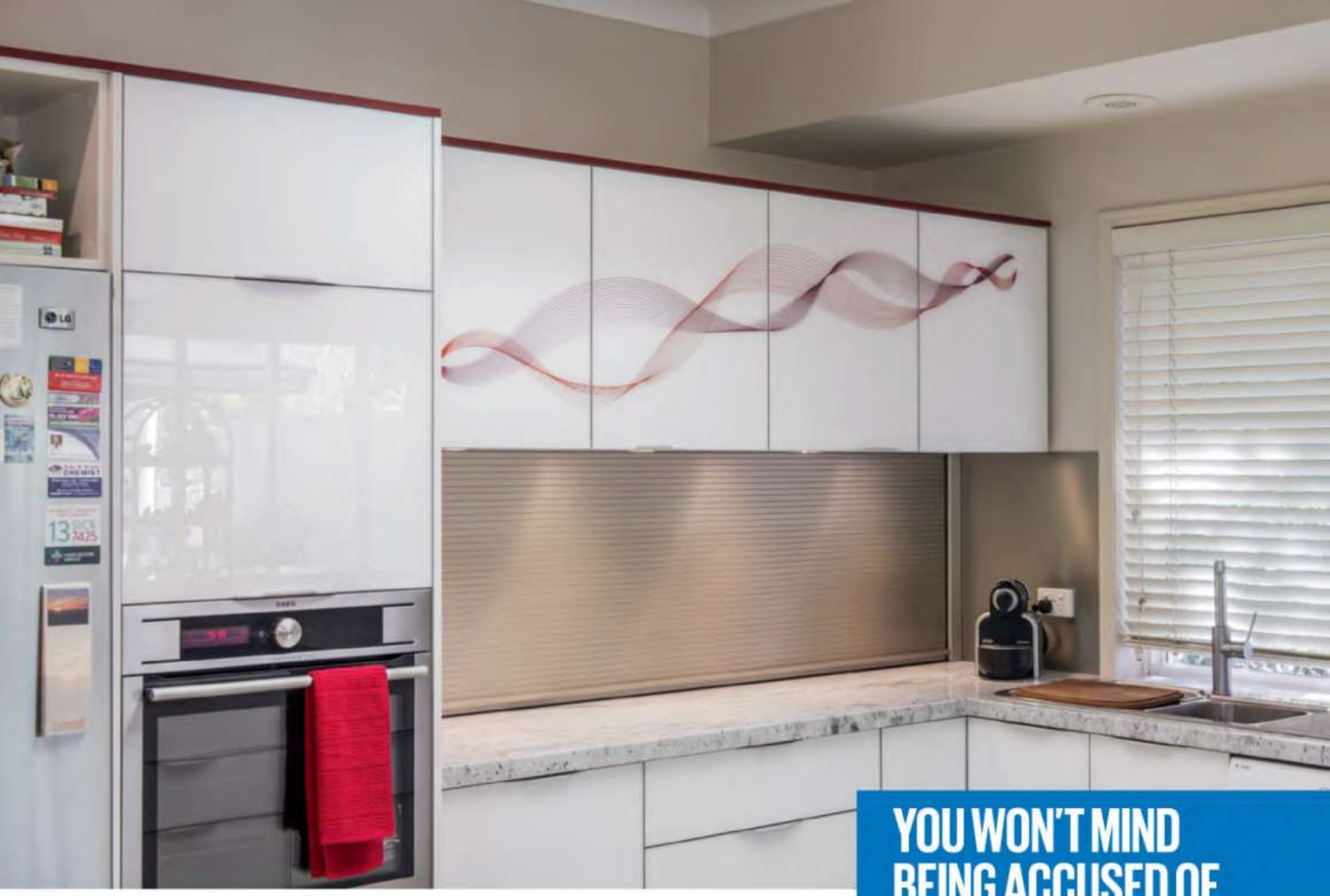
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***We love** the unique, industrial-style island bench.*

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"This stylish kitchen, located in a beautiful position on the Sunshine Coast, was individually designed for the taste, lifestyle and needs of the owners. The materials used in the design make it a unique space that is functional and perfect for entertaining. The clients wanted a commercial look that wouldn't take over the kitchen but would stand out enough for it to be a feature of the home. The stainless-steel island on castors, with its distinct industrial appearance, balances out the room nicely. The Belvedere granite benchtop is a superb addition to the space, with its visually striking granite pattern. LED sensor lights were placed under the wall cupboards for a high-tech twist, allowing for subtle bench lighting with the wave of a hand. We installed a walk-in butler's pantry hidden from view for meal preparation and cooking, which was very important for our clients' love of entertaining. All in all, the owners had a brilliant concept and knew exactly what they wanted, and we made it into a reality."
Designer: Alan Schull for Kitchen Shop QLD

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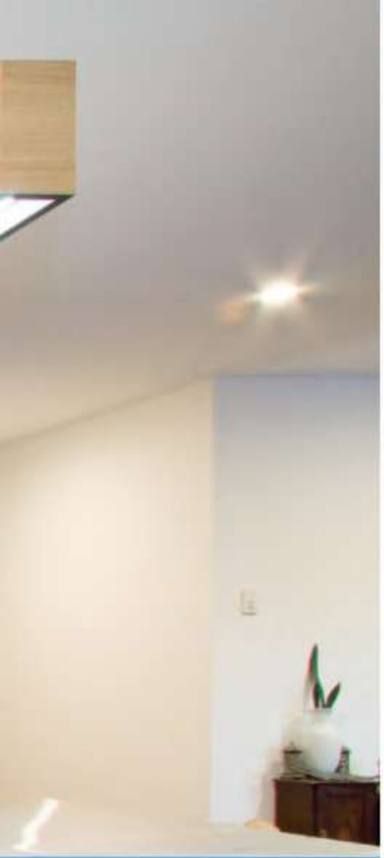
- **Cabinet doors and panels** American Oak veneer, clear two-pack
- **Kickboards** Black recessed
- **Internal hardware** Blum drawers, inner drawers and hinges, Vauth-Sagel pull-out pantry
- **Handles** American Oak recessed
- **Benchtop** Belvedere granite
- **Splashback** Toughened glass
- **Oven and cooktop** Siemens
- **Refrigerator** Samsung
- **Taps** Abey TINK kitchen mixer
- **Accessories** Domayne
- **Lighting** Stefano Orlati LED light strips in warm and cool

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LIVING ROOM KITCHEN

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Designer: Darren James for Darren James Interiors





EXPERT TIP

Integrate different spaces of the home for a unique and visually interesting "living room kitchen".





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Benchtop** Samsung Staron® Solid Surfaces in Aspen Lily
- **Ovens** V-ZUG pyrolytic, V-ZUG combi-steam
- **Cooktop** V-ZUG induction
- **Rangehood** Qasair built-in
- **Microwave** V-ZUG
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- **Accessories** Electrolux integrated barbecue, V-ZUG coffee machine

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***We love** the contrast of the Calacatta marble benchtop against the all-white cabinetry.*



ELEGANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY

"Elegant with a touch of grandeur, this kitchen has a timeless quality. Considering the previous kitchen was a haphazard mix of basic colours and materials, this new design has added a contemporary feel to the space — perfect for entertaining. The island benchtop with a waterfall end is more than 3m long, elongating the room. The use of natural marble throughout the design really makes this kitchen stand out. By installing the Blum intivo handless drawers and keeping a minimal colour palette, the kitchen flows from one end to the other — out to a small but sophisticated barbecue area beyond. To add a regal element, we installed four pendant lights in a classic yet industrial design that immediately catches your eye and draws you into the space. An undeniable beauty, this kitchen has all the qualities and attributes to make it the hub of the family home for years to come."

Designer: Marc Silcock for Designer Kitchens





EXPERT TIP

Need to add some elegance to your kitchen? Install a lighting design that evokes a classic look.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Two-pack finish in Dulux Vivid White
- **Internal hardware** Blum intivo, BLUMOTION hinges
- **Handles** Shadowline profile
- **Benchtop** Calacatta marble
- **Splashback** Colourback glass
- **Dishwasher** Fisher & Paykel
- **Sink and taps** Oliveri
- **Lighting** Pendants
- **Accessories** BeefEater barbecue

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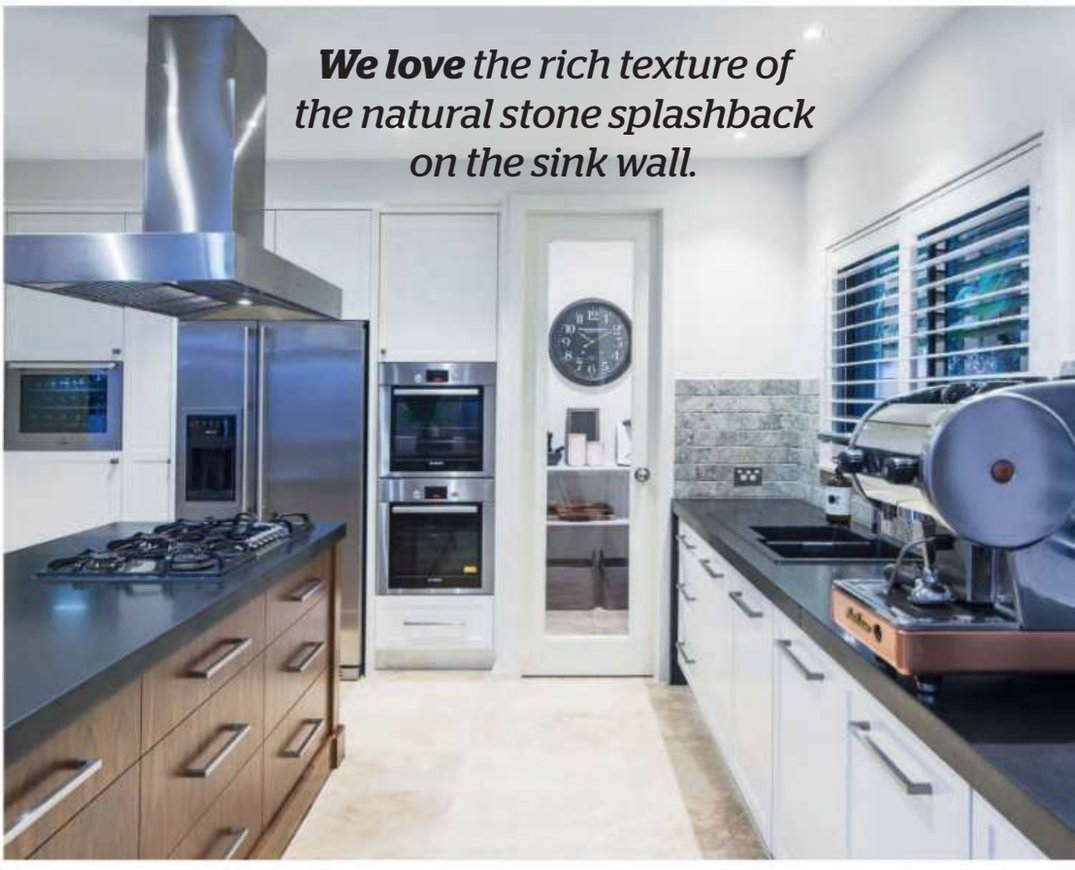
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SPECIAL BLEND

"It's rare to see such an amalgamation of different materials, surfaces and finishes come together to create a homogenous look, but I think this design definitely delivers that harmony. It was necessary to incorporate existing plumbing, walls and windows into the new design, as well as a number of contrasting surfaces as requested by the clients. But rather than letting these constraints be problematic, it became an opportunity to let creativity take control to realise a completely individual composition, comprising Shaker-style cabinetry in white, alongside rich timber tones, topped with black granite and natural stone for a solid contemporary finish. Placing the cooktop between the back and front benches of the U-shaped kitchen allowed for more space from the original design footprint, so I could still manage to install a walk-in pantry, stacked ovens and the luxury of a wine fridge. Thoughtful positioning of appliances even made it possible for the funky coffee machine to take pride of place."

Designer: Lee Hardcastle for Enigma Interiors



***We love** the rich texture of the natural stone splashback on the sink wall.*







EXPERT TIP

Free up benchtop space for food prep by taking the cooktop out of the equation and placing it ringside.

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Satin two-pack shaker style, American Walnut veneer and timber
- **Internal hardware** Häfele integrated pull-out bin
- **Handles** Kethy Biella
- **Benchtop** Black granite
- **Splashback** Natural stone tiles
- **Oven** Bosch pyrolytic
- **Cooktop** Highland six-burner gas
- **Rangehood** Highland 120cm island canopy
- **Dishwasher** Bosch fully integrated
- **Accessories** Scholtès wine fridge

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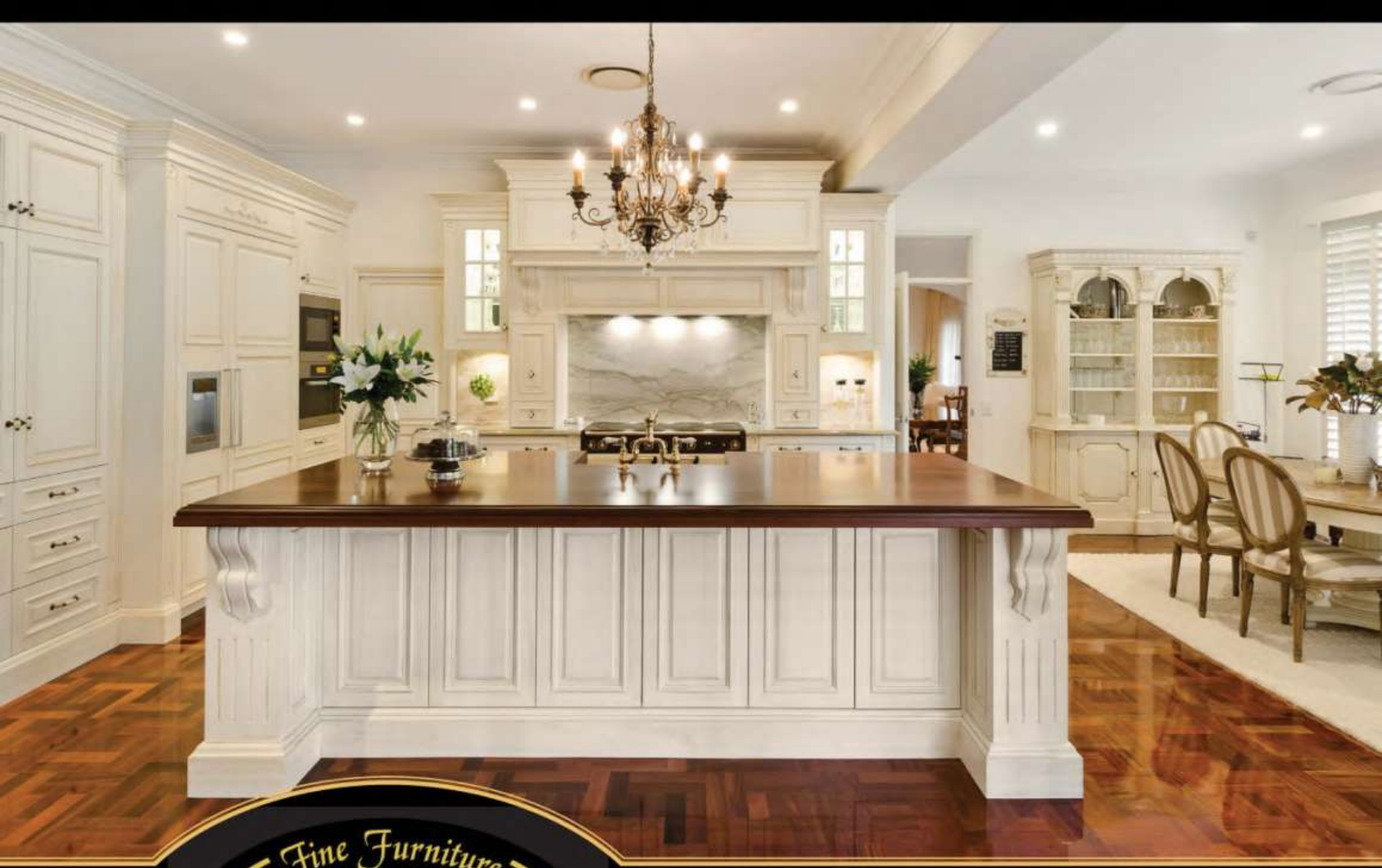
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EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

This sleek and modern kitchen features ample bench space, a state-of-the-art fit-out and plenty of cupboard space — enhanced by the splashback storage. A warm timber door opens to the butler's pantry while the benchtop storage acts as an appliance and drinks cupboard. There's a perfect place for everything.

Light filtering through the dual-purpose splashback window highlights the Tambortech Door — another clever feature. The tambour door elegantly ensures commonly used kitchen items are hidden away but available at a moment's notice — no reaching required. With fingertip control or an electronic system, they roll up and down smoothly, quiety and effortlessly. Bench space is maximised and there is no intrusion onto the benchtop area, maintaining the kitchen's minimalistic look.

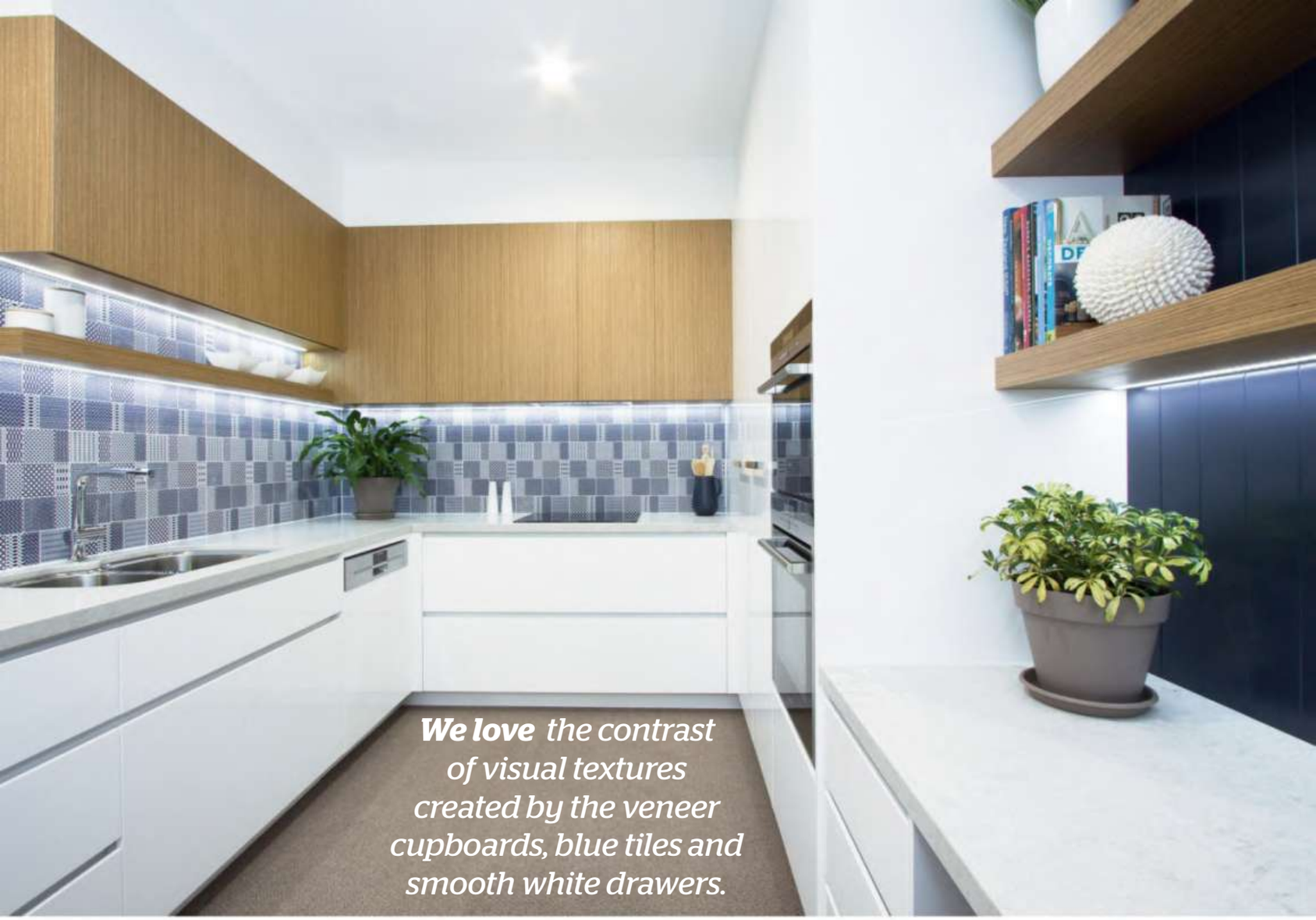
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EXPERT TIP

Splashback storage goes hand-in-hand with a butler's pantry.



***We love** the contrast of visual textures created by the veneer cupboards, blue tiles and smooth white drawers.*



ALL THE ESSENTIALS

"Creativity and order come together in this kitchen, which optimises a modest space with clever design. A rich medley of colours and textures has been curated to inject personality and life into the small corner space. Smooth, white gloss base drawers contrast with the veneer overhead cupboards to create striking visual appeal. A unique patterned tile splashback echoes the deep-blue tone panelling in the adjoining desk space to complete the creative harmony. Maximum functionality is a must in any small kitchen. Here, a Caesarstone benchtop provides a practical space for food preparation, with its cool tones wonderfully lit by the under-cupboard LED lighting. Handle-less cabinetry achieves clean lines and visual simplicity, while Blum drawers and clever fittings make the best use of a limited space. Sleek integrated appliances, including the Siemens oven and cooktop and Miele dishwasher, also enhance the cohesive feel of the design. The result is a small kitchen that's big on personality and functionality."

Design by: Garsden & Clarke Kitchens

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Two-pack Mia White gloss, Cleaf Matrix in Noce Daniela
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro drawers, Blum soft-close hinges
- **Handles** Shadowline
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Bianco Drift
- **Splashback** Tiles in blue
- **Oven and cooktop** Siemens
- **Dishwasher** Miele
- **Sink and taps** Oliveri

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EXPERT TIP

Using under-cupboard lighting will ensure you have a well-lit food preparation space.





MAKING A SPLASH

"Everything about this ultra-modern design radiates sleek, contemporary sophistication. The results are truly outstanding, considering the multifaceted nature of the brief, which included the integration of ducted air-conditioning, a minimum two-person breakfast bar for quick meals, and a selection of lighting solutions to enhance the design and usability of the zones within the kitchen and adjacent spaces. A silky smooth facade is developed by using highly polished surfaces that follow a line of continuity created by precise joinery and echoed in profile shadows. Being able to seclude appliances behind an almost invisible wall of smooth-operating pantry doors is a stroke of genius. The real star of this design is the four-tiered island bench. The piece incorporates a number of layers and materials to levitate the feature black-grained annex, behind which sits a cooktop that required special ventilation to be installed. The floating theme continues with the cut-out display shelf that houses its own downlights for art gallery-level illumination."

Designer: Kim Duffin Design for Sublime Architectural Interiors

***We love** the dramatic imagery superimposed on the splashback.*

EXPERT TIP

Pops of colour add interest to a two-toned colour palette.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Polytec in Classic White, Laminex Metaline in Lagoon Metallic, 16mm MR MDF in Polytec Black Finegrain, two-pack gloss, glass with sparkle crystal vinyl
- **Kickboards** Brushed aluminium laminate
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX intivo soft-close drawer system, Blum AVENTOS HK lift system, Blum ORGA-LINE cutlery and utensil inserts, Häfele Silent Aluflex 80 sliding door system, Häfele One2Five integrated waste bin
- **Handles** Häfele aluminium
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Snow, Caesarstone in Calacatta Nuvo
- **Splashback** Toughened glass
- **Ovens** V-ZUG Combair, V-ZUG Combi Steam
- **Cooktop** Bora glass ceramic induction top
- **Rangehood** Bora undercounter extraction system
- **Refrigerator** Sharp French door in black stainless steel
- **Dishwasher** V-ZUG fully integrated
- **Sink** Abey Lago double-bowl undermount
- **Taps** Abey kitchen mixer with pull-out spray, Zip HydroTap miniboil, boiling and ambient cold filtered water
- **Lighting** LED downlights in cool white, RGB strip lighting

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***We love** the innovative island bench with integrated appliances.*

EXPERT TIP

Consider placement of cabinetry and appliances and how it will affect work flow to ensure easy navigation.



RELAXED FLOW

"This warm and inviting kitchen is an upgrade from the previous basic kitchen that was lacking natural light and storage space, and didn't suit the lifestyle of the homeowners. Our clients love a neat and clean environment and wanted to have a place for everything. As this was a combined kitchen, dining and living area, they wished it to be a spacious room for entertaining and one that was easy to navigate. The large island bench contains an integrated bar fridge and is finished with a beautifully veined Caesarstone benchtop. An overhang was incorporated on three sides of the island to accommodate seating and act as an informal dining area. We converted the previous laundry space into a much-needed butler's pantry, which provides our clients the storage and additional workspace they desired. Part of any good kitchen design is the consideration of work flow, so the distance between the island and the cooktop was specially designed to allow for easy navigation between the cooktop, sink and dishwasher, which provides an effortless flow. Windows and glass doors were added as a finishing touch to allow natural light to shine through and open up the kitchen."

Design by: Kitchen Trends

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Two-pack with a satin finish in Kitchen Trends White, Polytec Ravine Natural Oak
- **Kickboards** Stainless steel
- **Internal hardware** Blum ORGA-LINE, Blum AVENTOS-HF, Blum SERVO-DRIVE
- **Handles** Häfele Studio handles in stainless steel
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Vanilla Noir
- **Splashback** Mirrorstar
- **Oven** Bosch stainless-steel pyrolytic
- **Cooktop** Bosch glass induction
- **Rangehood** Highland Professional Series integrated stainless steel
- **Refrigerator** Bosch stainless-steel French door
- **Dishwasher** Bosch stainless steel
- **Sink and taps** Häfele
- **Lighting** LED downlights
- **Flooring** Timber-look tiles

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***We love** the timber butcher's block, added as a practical touch.*



INDUSTRIAL EDGE

"A modern and practical kitchen is what the owners asked for, and this design delivers both in beautiful proportions. Minimal use of colour and subtle textures create a sleek palette upon which functionality reigns. The luxurious Bianco Romano benchtops marry with the clean horizontal lines and crisp whiteness of the cabinetry to provide a fresh and contemporary look. Smoky mirror splashbacks, stainless-steel appliances and pendant lights add an understated industrial charm, especially when coupled with the rustic hues of the brickwork and exposed timber beams. Storage and workspace are provided in abundance, with the thoughtful addition of a butcher's block to one end of the island bench. Bifold doors grant easy access to the alfresco barbecue area, providing the final practical touch to this stunning kitchen."

Design by: Dana Kitchens



EXPERT TIP

Allow exposed beams and raked ceilings to remain the heroes by keeping your kitchen light and neutral.





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and mouldings** Two-pack metallic white
- **Kickboards** Metallic
- **Internal hardware** Blum, Häfele
- **Handles** Nikpol
- **Benchtop** Bianco Romano 30mm
- **Splashback** Smoky mirror
- **Oven** ILVE 800 LVG gas
- **Cooktop** Highland gas
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Refrigerator and dishwasher** Miele
- **Sink** Furnware undermount
- **Taps** Häfele

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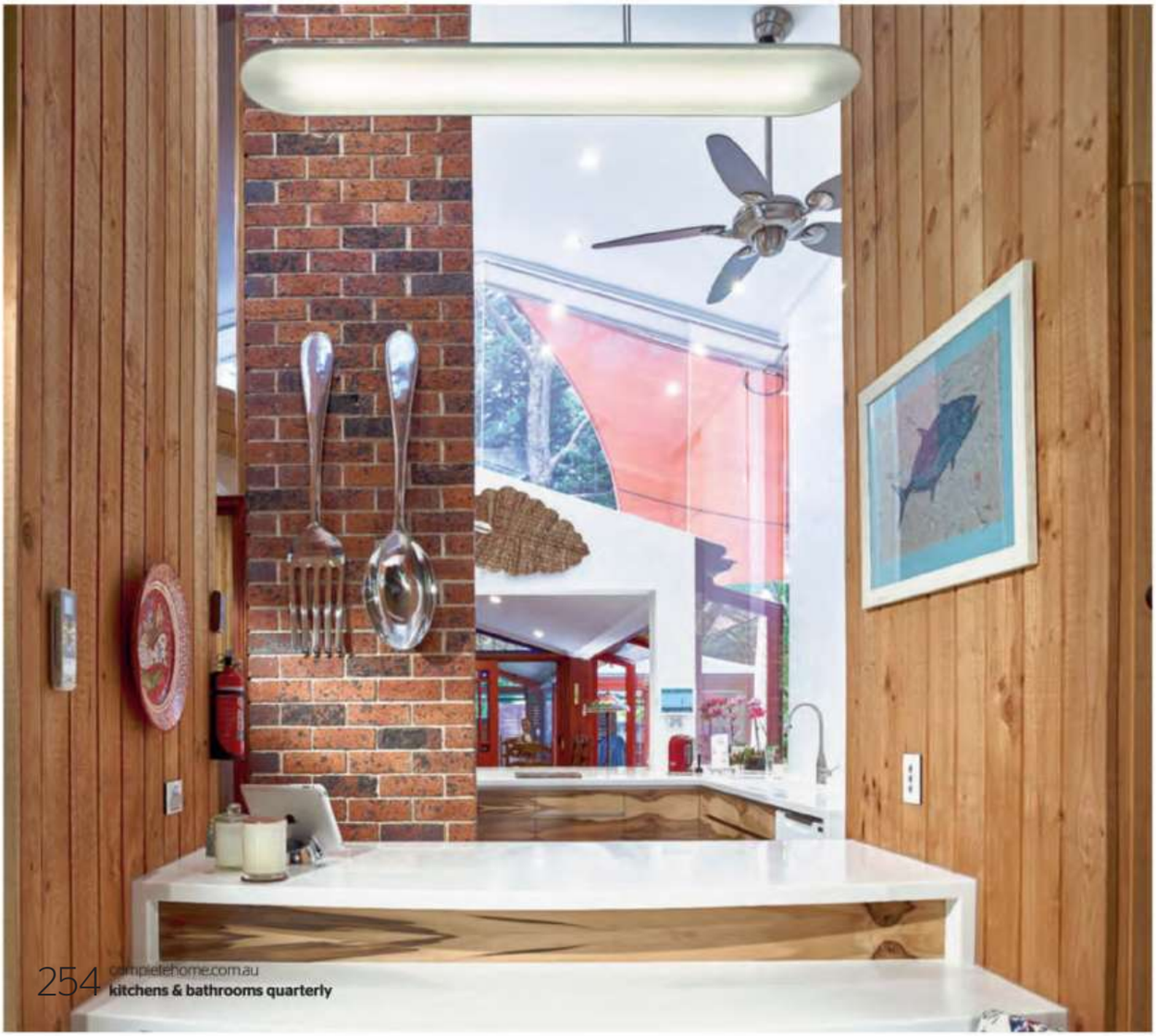


STRIKING FEATURES

"There are many unique and interesting design features that come together to make this modern, artistic kitchen one of a kind. The shape and architectural design of the kitchen is very different, and we incorporated unique styles to create a distinctive space. The star of the kitchen is the stunning rangehood that is more than 2m long and soars all the way to the ceiling in a striking Sapphire Persian Blu. We designed the cabinetry in two contrasting styles: a modern Starphire white glass and a beautiful, rustic Blackheart-stained veneer. This contrast makes the timber pop against the glass and complements the blue patterned design of the rangehood. The latest technology was implemented to modernise the space, including integrated appliances and a television that lifts up through the benchtop. This warm and spacious kitchen is a mix of different styles and designs, creating a unique heart of the home."

Design by: Brilliant SA











EXPERT TIP

Make an unusual feature the star piece of your kitchen for a unique design.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors** Blackheart Sassafras veneer, Starphire white glass
- **Kickboards** Blackheart Sassafras veneer, LED strip lights
- **Handles** Artia, Jay & Push open mechanism
- **Benchtop** Corian in Venaro White
- **Splashback** Toughened painted glass in Polar White
- **Oven** Miele
- **Cooktop** Asko
- **Rangehood** Custom-made Qasair Molina in Sapphire Persian Blu
- **Refrigerator** Electrolux
- **Dishwasher** Miele
- **Sink** Reece Posh Solus flat-rim trough
- **Taps** KWC Eve stainless-steel mixer, Arco, Nobili Balance mixer
- **Accessories** Phoenix lift-up TV unit
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Design by: Inavogue

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Two-pack Dulux satin finish in Pale Sage, antique machine-glazed cabinets
- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close hinges, Blum intivo drawer runners, Blum TIP-ON doors, Häfele chrome wire pull-out pantry with six baskets, Häfele natural wicker storage baskets with Beech frame, chrome pull-out oil unit
- **Handles** Hettich Segovia tin-coloured D-Pull, Castella Pewter knobs
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in Organic White, Polytec Squareform in Snow Fabrini matt finish
- **Splashback** Tiles
- **Oven** Miele wall built-in
- **Cooktop** Miele induction
- **Rangehood** Blanco undermount
- **Microwave** Miele integrated
- **Refrigerator** Westinghouse
- **Sink** Reece Clark Varese
- **Flooring** Cork

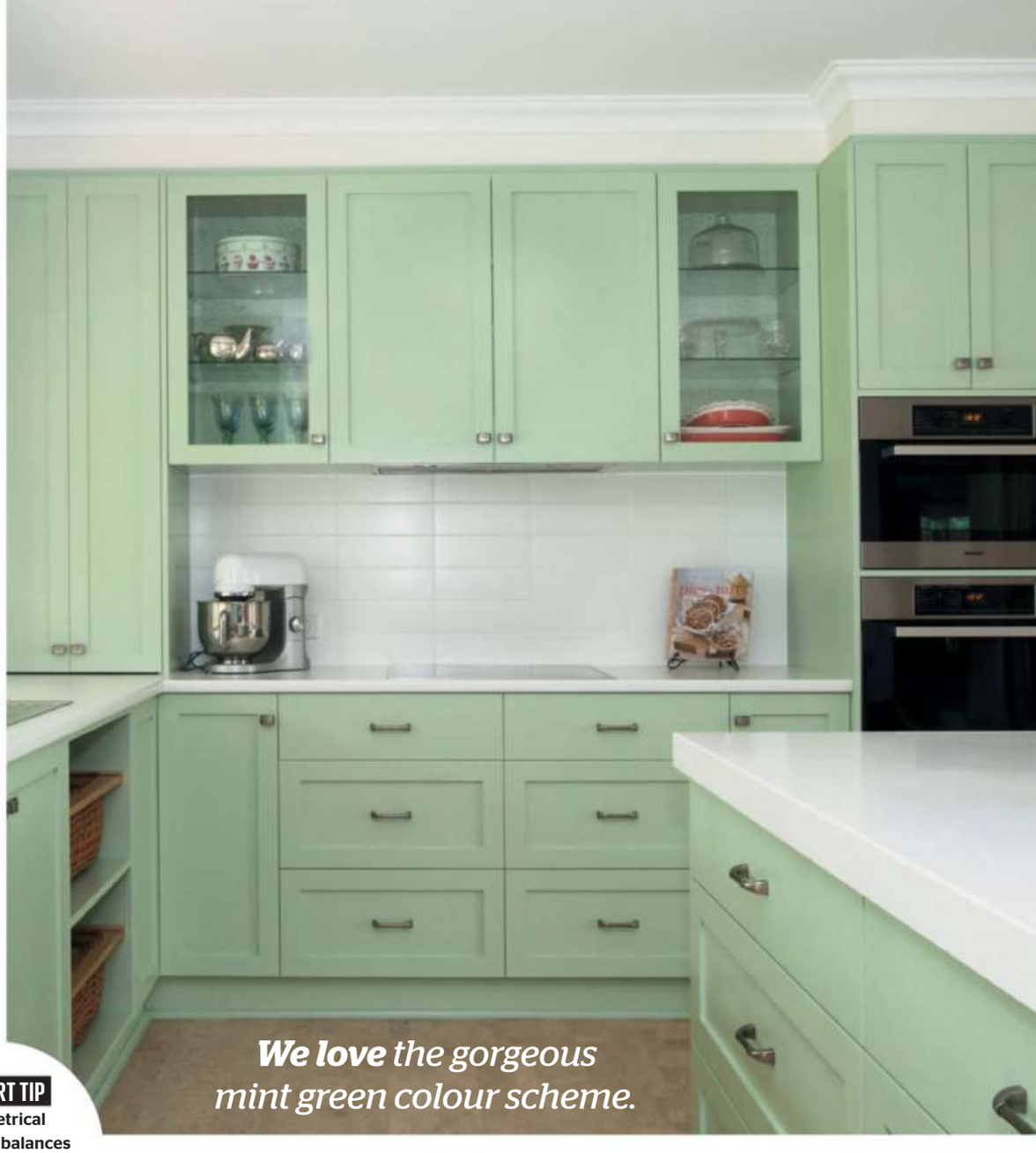
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***We love** the gorgeous mint green colour scheme.*

EXPERT TIP

Symmetrical cabinetry balances out a colourful kitchen and maximises the space.





***We love** the stunningly rich copper pendants.*



MODERN MINIMALIST

"This glossy kitchen with striking accents is a feat in contemporary style. The client wanted a minimally styled space with a large island bench, which we had to incorporate into the original galley design of the kitchen. We created a walk-through pantry to be attached to the kitchen that provided additional storage, a second sink and space for meal preparation. The white Caesarstone benchtop of the long island bench is crisp and modern, and complements the white cabinetry beautifully. Finger grips were installed for a seamless, handle-less design. Gorgeous shiny copper pendant lights add a pop of colour and on-trend style to the otherwise minimal colour palette and modern design. Integrated appliances complete the streamlined look to create a minimal kitchen that still packs a punch."

Designer: Matthew Foti for Carrera Kitchens





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and kickboards** ULTRAglaze in Glacier Metallic
- **Internal hardware** Blum TANDEMBOX antaro soft-close
- **Benchtop** Caesarstone in White Shimmer
- **Splashback** Glass
- **Oven** ILVE
- **Cooktop** ILVE induction
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MODERN FARMHOUSE

"This kitchen renovation was designed to fit within an old farmhouse — which had been passed down from generation to generation — while still giving the homeowner a modern way of life. Each generation has made its mark on the house and the owner wanted to remodel the kitchen with a walk-in pantry to evoke a modern interpretation of farmhouse style. We designed the space to be made of materials that were easy to maintain, but would still have a high visual impact. The white colour palette of the space is light and refreshing and gives the room a spacious feel. A new glass window and door were installed to bring in natural light, while extensive cabinetry and a walk-in pantry provide effective storage. The owner now loves coming home after a long day out on the farm to spend time in this beautiful and relaxing space, which is now the well-loved heart of the home."

Designer: Emma Pearce for Fresh Kitchen Solutions







SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Polytec thermolaminated vinyl-wrap gloss in Classic White with Copenhagen profile
- **Kickboards** Polytec melamine in Classic White sheen
- **Mouldings** Traditional, dentil
- **Internal hardware** Blum soft-close doors and drawers, Häfele pull-out bins, Lincoln Sentry kitchen caddy, Hettich cutlery and utensil trays
- **Handles** Castella
- **Benchtop** Smartstone Carrara
- **Splashback** Fine bronze metallic
- **Oven, cooktop, microwave, warming drawer and dishwasher** Miele
- **Rangehood** Qasair
- **Refrigerator** GE
- **Sink** Oliveri
- **Lighting** Häfele eye lights, pendants
- **Floor** Karndean Weathered Elm

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EXPERT TIP

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BAMBOO BEAUTY

"We updated an outdated 15-year-old kitchen to create this modern, open space with extensive storage and a relaxed feel. We removed the walk-in pantry and replaced it with tall cupboards, making the room spacious while adding extra storage. The peninsula bench is practical and functional, integrating a hotplate and further storage, and is finished beautifully with a stunning white Corian benchtop. The original freestanding oven was changed to a wall oven to open up the room and to create continuity with the other integrated appliances. In keeping with the modern feel, the majority of the appliances are hidden and we added spice inserts, pull-out bins and pull-out tea towel racks. Durable and environmentally friendly bamboo flooring was installed, which opened up our design options. The new design has now refreshed this kitchen, giving it a modern edge."

Designer: Bianca Haddrick for Innovative Kitchens







***We love** the Corian benchtop and how it ties the design together.*

EXPERT TIP

Bamboo flooring is an excellent option if you want to make your kitchen more environmentally friendly.





SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Two-pack gloss in Dulux White On White
- **Internal hardware** Hettich InnoTech runners, bin, tea towel rail and spice insert
- **Handles** Hettich
- **Benchtop** 20mm Corian in Everest
- **Lighting** LED downlights
- **Flooring** Bamboo

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Designer: Nathan Wundersitz for Space Craft Joinery

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors and panels** Hoop pine plywood, Novofibre, Laminex laminate in Olympia Orange, Scotch-Weld 94 CA adhesive
- **Kickboards** Hoop pine plywood
- **Internal hardware** Blum intivo soft-close
- **Handles** Lincoln Sentry Barra in brushed nickel
- **Benchtop** Polytec Astral Bitumen, Parbury Astral Bitumen, oiled reclaimed blackbutt timber
- **Splashback** Self Italy tiles in Mood Bianco Matt
- **Oven and dishwasher** Smeg
- **Cooktop** Bosch
- **Rangehood** Blanco
- **Sink** Lakeland with RHS drainer
- **Lighting** Hektar

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EXPERT TIP

Sustainable materials will increase the longevity of your kitchen and help the environment.





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OPEN-PLAN IS HERE TO STAY

As the hub of the home, the kitchen is where Australians spend the majority of their time with family or entertaining friends. An open-plan design, which is integrated with the informal living and dining areas, maximises interaction.

When it comes to designing a kitchen space set for entertaining, it is important to consider a few key elements that complement an open-plan design. As the kitchen island is where people tend to congregate, a kitchen island bench is an entertaining must-have, doubling as a prep and serving space and allowing the host to always remain a part of the action.

More than ever, people want to showcase a clean, streamlined and uncluttered space, with sleek lines and handleless cabinetry design. If space permits, consider a butler's pantry, which offers additional food preparation space and allows you to hide the clutter away, leaving the cleaning for long after your guests have gone.

Finally, it is important to think about the "work triangle". Consider the work triangle as three distinct areas in your kitchen design: food prep, cooking and clean-up. As a general rule of thumb, the space between these areas should be no less than 1m and no greater than 3m.

Keep in mind, the perfect kitchen involves careful consideration and planning. As a centrepiece of the home and a social hotspot, getting the area, layout and appliances perfect will ensure you have a space you can enjoy — and one that will add value to your home.

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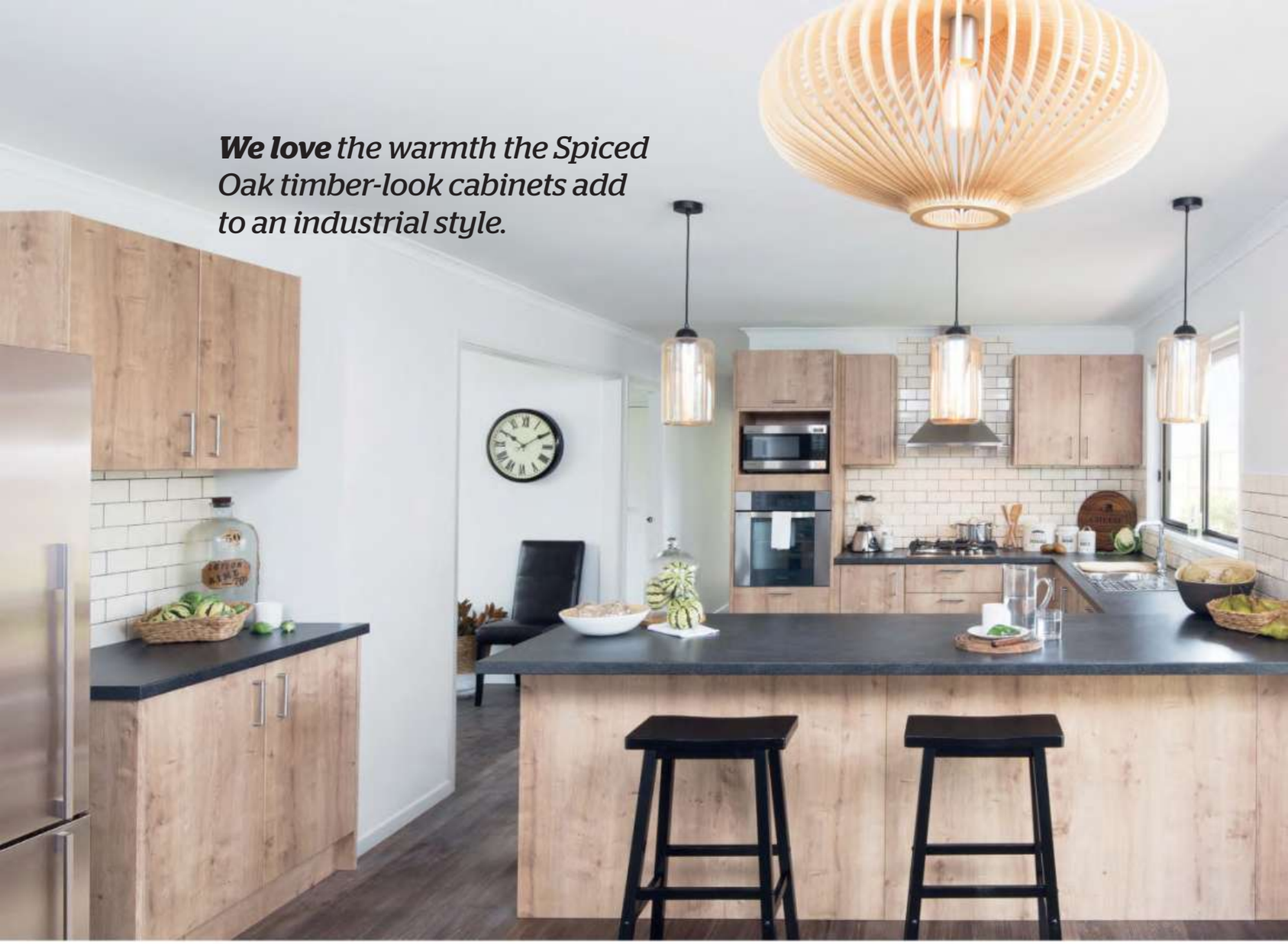
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SUBURBAN CAFE

"The existing kitchen had not had a makeover in 30 years. As a result, it looked flat and outdated. The owners wanted something completely different to their existing kitchen — something modern that drew inspiration from some of their favourite suburban cafes. The open-plan style makes the most of the natural light that shines through, creating a space full of warmth and light. Given that this was a family home, the owners wanted a kitchen that was stylish yet practical. The long, U-shaped island bench forms the kitchen and is finished with a beautiful black laminate benchtop. The textured timber-look cabinetry adds an industrial feel to the kitchen, complemented by the modern and unique pendant lights. The dynamic and smooth round bar handles are also in line with the minimalist aesthetic that this kitchen embraces. Everything stands out and comes together to create the perfect cafe-style kitchen."

Design by: The homeowners, with Kaboodle Kitchens and Bunnings Warehouse





EXPERT TIP

Timber and industrial elements are perfect for achieving a cafe-style kitchen.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Cabinet doors, panels and kickboards** Kaboodle Spiced Oak thermoformed
- **Handles** Kaboodle round bar
- **Benchtop** Kaboodle laminate in Black Toffee
- **Splashback** Off-white subway tiles
- **Flooring** Floorboards in matt polish

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5. Kado Arc Freestanding Bath
6. Phoenix Kubus Hob Bath Mixer Set











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EXPERT TIP

Use light from large windows to generate an open, airy feel to an otherwise small space.

EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

"The best measure of whether a design works or not is how the finished composition resonates with the space. Does it feel natural and right, as if all elements are placed as they should be? I think this design achieves that, which is all the more of an accomplishment considering the narrowness of the space and the requirements of the brief. Not only did we need to include all the aspects of a fully functional bathroom, but a laundry as well. Given the limited width of the area, it was quite a challenge to install both a bath and a shower. By placing them side by side and using the shower screen as the divider between wet and dry areas, this hurdle was stylishly cleared. Extending the bath shelf to run through the shower area, above the toilet to the vanity top, ensures the division isn't terminal, lending continuity and flow across the entire design. Another win was being able to install custom-made cabinets around the washing machine, allowing for storage of towels, two washing baskets, and even an internally divided clothes hopper."

Designer: Garrett Hebden for Better Bathrooms & Kitchens



***We love** the spacious storage solutions of this bathroom.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Vanity** Custom design in Laminex Polar White Silk finish
- **Vanity top** Caesarstone and HanStone quartz in Aurora Snow
- **Basin** Ideal Standard Active undermount
- **Bath** Decina Carina acrylic
- **Shower** Stepless with tiled base, fixed panels in clear toughened glass
- **Taps** Milli Edge bath mixer, Milli Edge Swivel, Mizu mixer
- **Mirror** Custom four-door cabinet front
- **Toilet suite** Life P Pan soft-close with Caroma under-counter cistern
- **Lighting** LED
- **Accessories** Architec towel rails

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EXPERT TIP

Install skylights to enhance natural light and bring the outside in.







***We love** how the freestanding bath has been integrated into the wet-style shower.*



LUXURIOUS BATHING

"This beautiful, relaxing ensuite bathroom was part of a newly built extension on a Victorian-era home. The owners wanted a wet-area-style space that brought in lots of natural light and was a relaxing haven. We installed two skylights at either end of the bathroom to let in natural light, placing one directly above the bath to create the luxurious experience of seeing the sky while bathing. The freestanding bath was placed on a raised platform in an open, wet-style shower that is easy to use and has a clever recessed niche for storage. The beauty of this space is also highlighted through the deluxe tiled feature wall that reaches to the skylight, a striking design feature of the room. The glossy white double basins brighten the neutral palette and a large mirror opens the area completely. Opulent underfloor heating completes this bathroom of light and luxury."

Design by: Desyne Developments and Renovative, with Reece

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Basin** Laufen Palomba
- **Bath** Clearwater Formoso freestanding
- **Shower** Nikles Pure 140 Techno 300 twin rail
- **Taps** Milli Glance bath mixer, spout and shower mixer
- **Tiles** Artform Tile Gallery Sandringham
- **Toilet suite** Laufen Palomba back-to-wall pan, Geberit in-wall cistern, Geberit Sigma Akril sterling-silver buttons
- **Heating** Stiebel Eltron underfloor
- **Accessories** Milli Edge robe hooks, toilet roll holders and towel rails

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DOUBLE LUXURY

"This bathroom and ensuite integrate elegant aesthetics in a way that creates a sense of space and light. A luxurious double walk-in shower defines the main bathroom. With large gracefully patterned tiles and an abundance of room, the shower becomes a sanctuary within. Stretching along the wall, the vanity has ample room for double sinks and plenty of bench space. The Caesarstone vanity top exudes sophistication, in keeping with the rest of the Brighton East home. Gloss cabinet doors and a wall of mirrors reflect natural light to create a bright, inviting ambience. In the ensuite, a thick wall separates the walk-in shower and toilet, creating two spaces in one. Clean white lines keep the design simple and the neutral palette is punctuated by the rich timber mirror and vanity for warmth and personality."

Design by: Key Piece Interior Design
Built by: CJ Green, with Centre Plumbing Plus

EXPERT TIP

Enhance the sense of space using a neutral palette with accent colours for accessories.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Vanity** Custom-made
- **Basin** White inset
- **Bath** Gala Fedra 1700mm inset
- **Shower** Methven Kiri exposure rails
- **Taps** Phoenix Argo MKII
- **Mirror** Argo
- **Toilet suite** Geberit in-wall cistern with wall-faced pan
- **Floor channel** Veitch stainless-steel aqua channel and grate
- **Accessories** Eneo chrome toilet roll, towel rails and soap dish

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***We love** the luxuriously large walk-in shower.*



SYMMETRICAL SOPHISTICATION

"There's nothing like marble to make a space feel luxurious, solid and timeless. Marble wall tiles provide the perfect canvas in which to frame the fixtures — the natural variations in the veining a sublime backdrop to the classic symmetry of the vanity and adjacent windows. Both the toilet and vanity are hung from the wall to open up the area as much as possible. Even the bathtub, which is fixed to the floor, was selected as the base gives the illusion of suspension. Other space-creating features include the custom-made frameless shower cubicle, the high-gloss tiles reflecting multiple LED downlights, and the recessed shower shelving. Storage is a vital ingredient in any bathroom design, and the double vanity and four-door mirrored cabinets above provide ample room to house a multitude of bathroom accessories. In terms of the colour palette, the natural tones of the wall tiles wrap warmth around the bright whites of the fixtures, and the grey floor tiles provide a sophisticated touch."

Design by: First Choice Warehouse

EXPERT TIP

Suspending the vanity unit creates a more spacious look.



***We love** the symmetry of the mirrored cabinets, basins and flanking windows.*



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Vanities** Polilife Mercury 1500 wall hung, Polilife Frank 1710 wall hung
- **Basins** Infinite Velencei 500, Zeavola oval counter
- **Bath** Polilife Blanc Catto solid surface
- **Shower** In Design custom screen
- **Taps** Hios range, Vector floor filler with handset
- **Mirror** Polilife Reflections mirror cabinets

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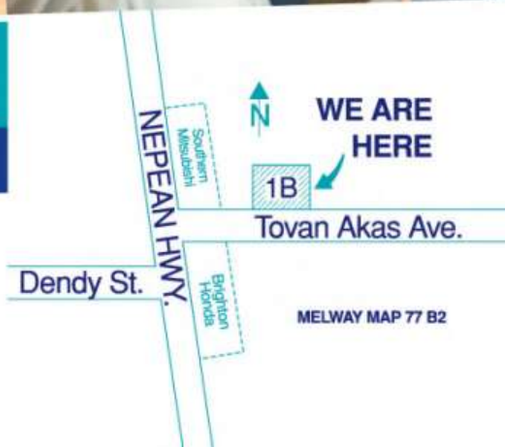
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EXPERT TIP

Use black and white tiles in different geometric patterns and styles for a modern update on an Art Deco design.

***We love** the traditional twin pedestal basins.*

ART DECO STYLE

"This beautiful bathroom of clean lines and classical styling embraces a timeless Art Deco look and exudes elegance. We wanted a traditional bathroom with beautiful and unique fittings that created a sense of serenity. The glossy black and white tiling throughout the space sets the Art Deco mood, which is further complemented by the black bath with classic claw feet. The timeless, matching pedestal basins are robust and dynamic in shape and glaze. The unique arched towel warmer adds luxury and modernity to the space and fits within the style of the room perfectly. The tapware and bath fittings, selected for their unrivalled quality and original design, finish it off beautifully."

Design by: The homeowners and The English Tapware Company

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Basins** Perrin & Rowe Art Deco pedestal
- **Taps** Perrin & Rowe low-spout basin set with crossheads and low-spout bath set with levers
- **Toilet suite** Perrin & Rowe Art Deco
- **Heating** Hawthorn Hill arched towel warmer
- **Accessories** Perrin & Rowe wall-mounted vanity mirror, bath rack, towel rack, towel ring and paper holder

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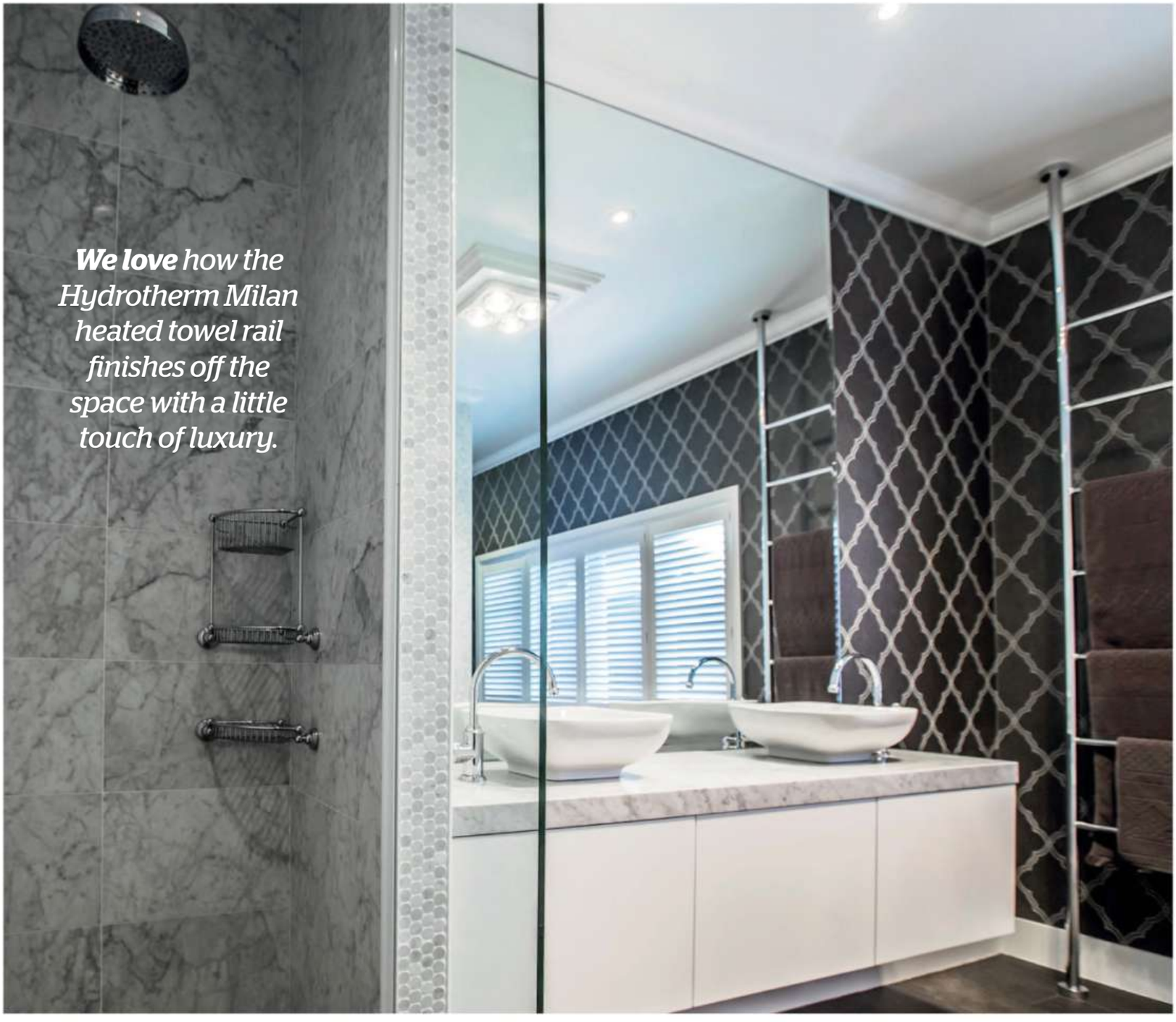


EXPERT TIP

A freestanding bath creates a feeling of opulence in the bathroom.







MODERN LUXE

"Transformed from the lounge of a 1920s Federation home, this sophisticated bathroom layers a luxurious palette of materials over stylish fittings to create a palatial feel. The modern curves of the freestanding bath and Axa basins immediately make for a grand-style statement. Small Penny Round wall tiles glisten in the light, offering a feel of luxury, while the floor tiles add a sense of warmth and depth. To heighten the degree of intimacy and privacy, a spacious walk-in shower and toilet are housed in a separate alcove. Frameless glass adds to the clean, contemporary look, while letting in plenty of natural light. The floor-to-ceiling Hydrotherm Milan towel rail was a must-have for the owners, giving them plenty of warm towels to choose from after a long soak."

Design by: Brad and Kristi Richards, with Hames-Reid Plumbing and Reece

SHOP THE LOOK

- **Basins** Axa Uno 400 Counter
- **Bath** Kaldewei Classic Duo freestanding
- **Taps** Bastow Georgian basin mixer
- **Tiles** Carrara marble
- **Mirror** Dungan Glass
- **Toilet suite** Porcher Cygnet
- **Accessories** Hydrotherm Milan floor-to-ceiling heated towel rail

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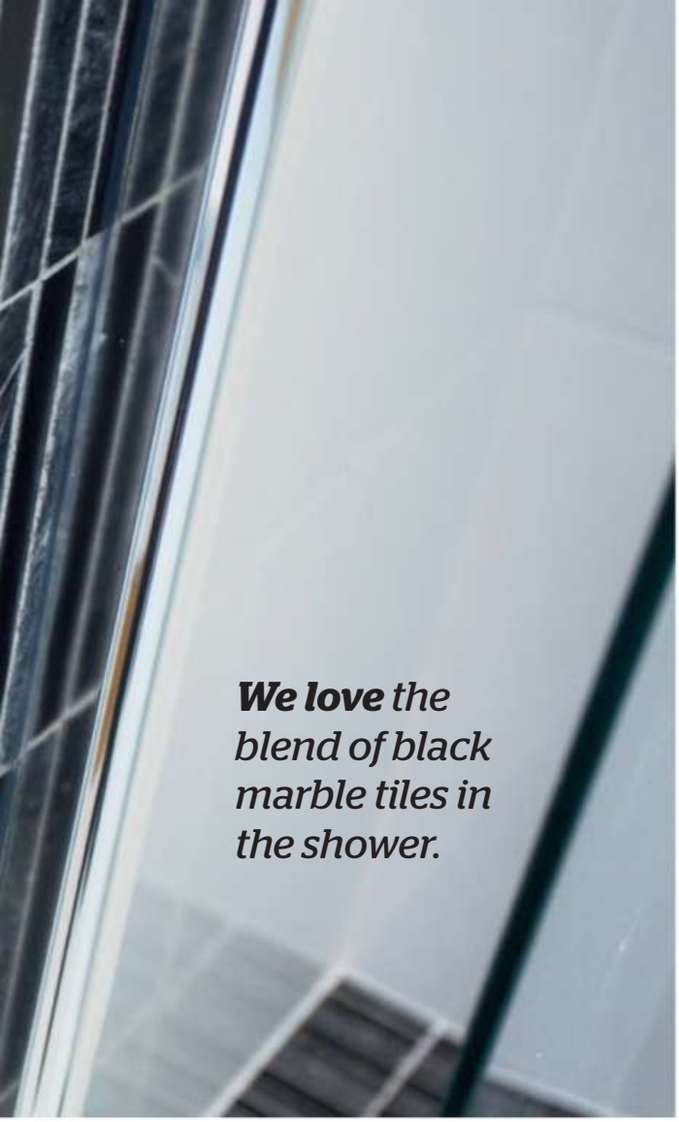


SMALL YET SPACIOUS

"This modern design shows what can be achieved when creating a practical and striking bathroom in a very limited space. We renovated the laundry area about four years ago, and recently we updated the bathroom to create a more spacious design that would match seamlessly with the adjoining laundry and study. We removed a full-length louvre window and also an extractor fan, and we concealed the junction of pipework from the upstairs bathroom by building out the walls, while still providing a cavity for the recessed toilet cistern and a recessed cabinet and basin. The light colour palette, large mirror, and modern, glossy surfaces of the room create a contemporary, spacious feel that opens up the area. The bathroom flows seamlessly into the laundry and study through an open doorway, with the original matching white floor tiles creating unity. This light, modern bathroom demonstrates how space can be used effectively."

Designers: Henri and Maureen van Roden for All Bathroom Gear





***We love** the blend of black marble tiles in the shower.*





EXPERT TIP

Open doorways create a seamless flow to adjacent rooms.



SHOP THE LOOK

- **Vanity** Custom-built two doors with Flexipanel laminate finish in Designer White, marine-style recessed pull handles
- **Vanity top** Tempered glass
- **Basin** Turner Hastings ISA semi-recessed
- **Shower** Parisi Tondo showerhead, Supreme Mirage clear toughened glass
- **Taps** RAM Evolve mixer taps in chrome finish
- **Tiles** White rectified ceramic, finger-sized polished marble black blends
- **Toilet suite** Azzurra Cal vitreous china wall-faced pan in white, TECE concealed cistern and white glass button plate
- **Lighting** LED strip
- **Accessories** RAM Park toilet roll holder, single towel rail, robe hooks, wire baskets

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- **Shower** Shay Radius shower on a rail
- **Bath** Jamaica drop-in
- **Taps** Lavas basin mixer, Tanami three-piece bath set
- **Toilet suite** Byron in-wall wall faced
- **Accessories** Tanami double towel rail, Tanami towel ring, Tanami tumbler, Tanami toilet tissue holder, Tanami robe hook

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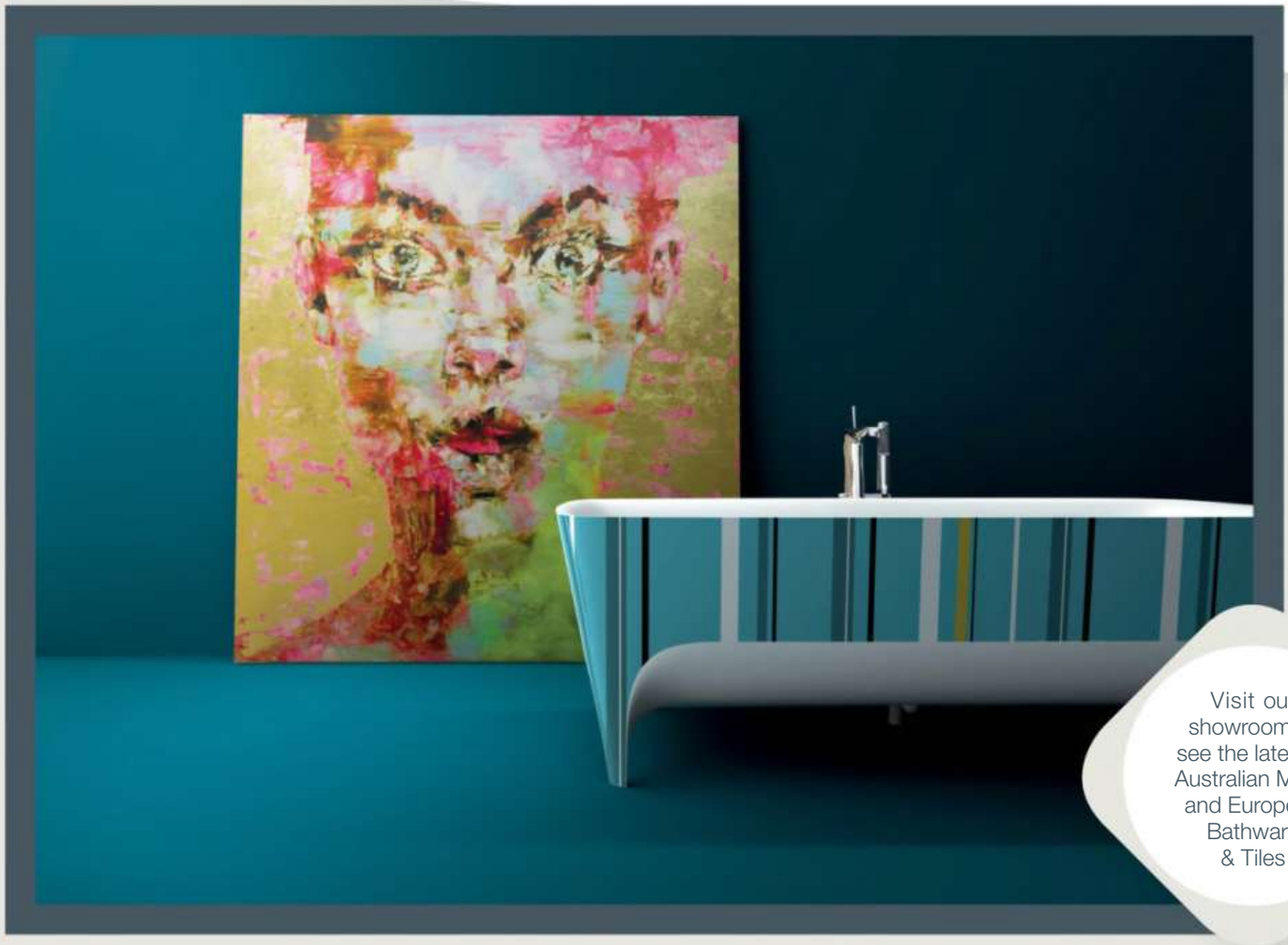
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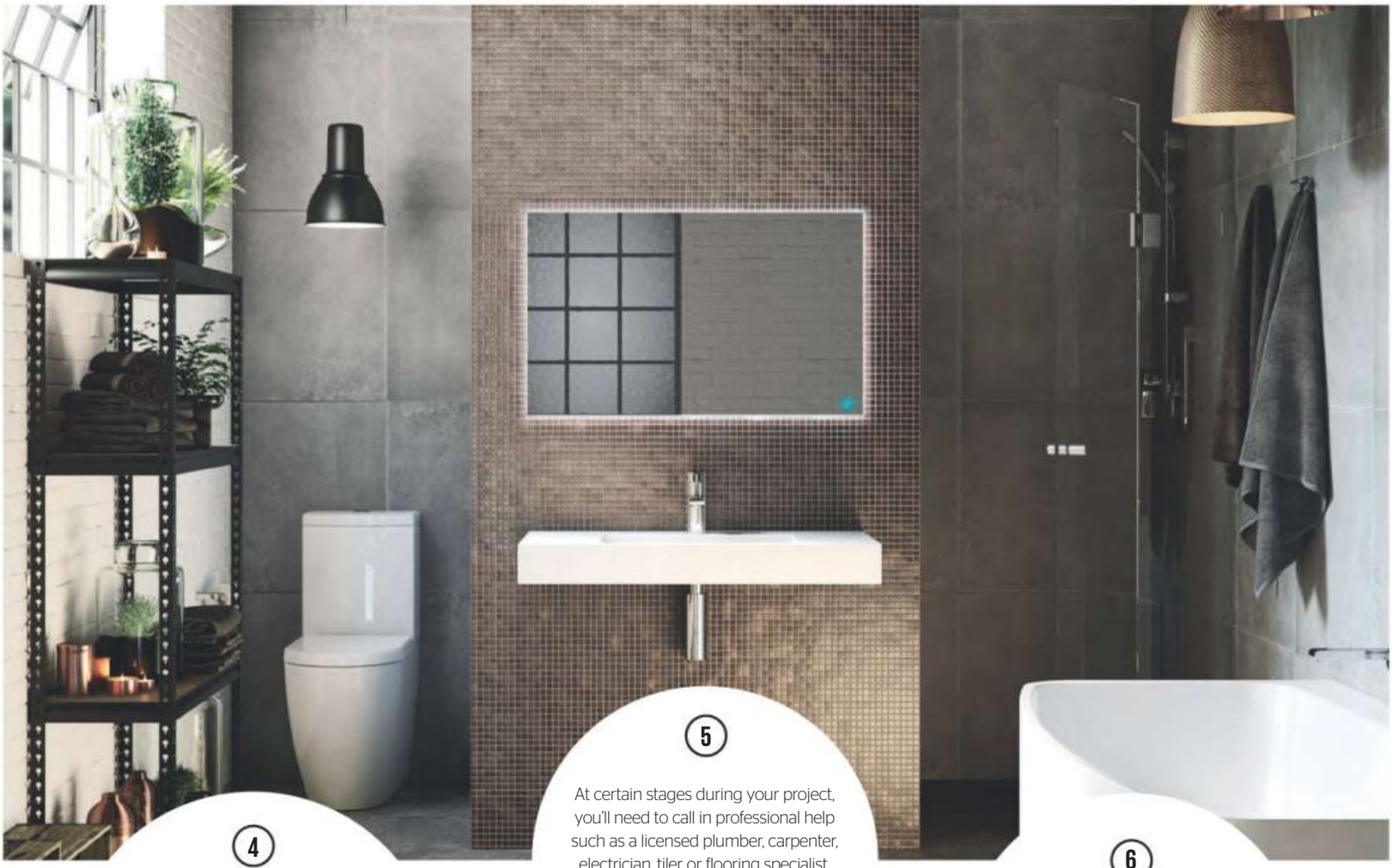
Decide on what you'd like to change about your existing bathroom and be clear about your immediate needs, while thinking about any possible lifestyle changes in the future. List your must-haves and "lust"-haves. You can even compile a scrapbook.

2

Measure everything: walls, windows, doors, spaces, ceiling heights, doorway widths, plumbing, storage spaces and toilets. Plot the outline of your bathroom on graph paper (a scale of 10cm to 1m works well) including all windows, doors and outlets. Cut out shapes representing things you'll be adding to see how they fit, and play with different layouts.

3

Once you've worked out your plan, you need to decide on a budget. With full renovations, the trick is to select a theme to match your spend. Alternatively, you can go for a partial makeover by freshening up less expensive items.



5

At certain stages during your project, you'll need to call in professional help such as a licensed plumber, carpenter, electrician, tiler or flooring specialist. If you go to a building or renovation firm, they'll have a team of contractors. Otherwise, you might find a multi-skilled contractor who can do the lot.

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6

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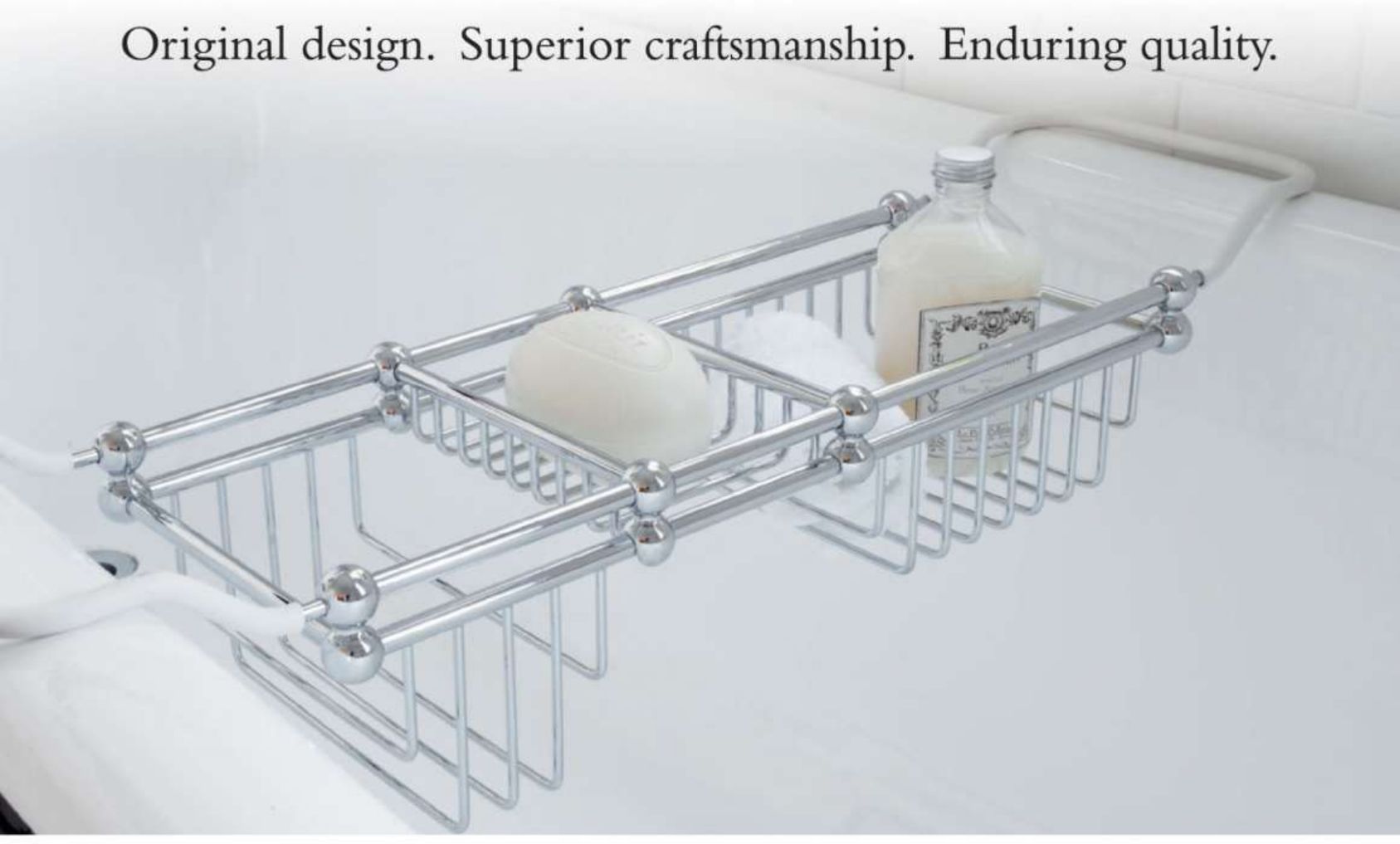


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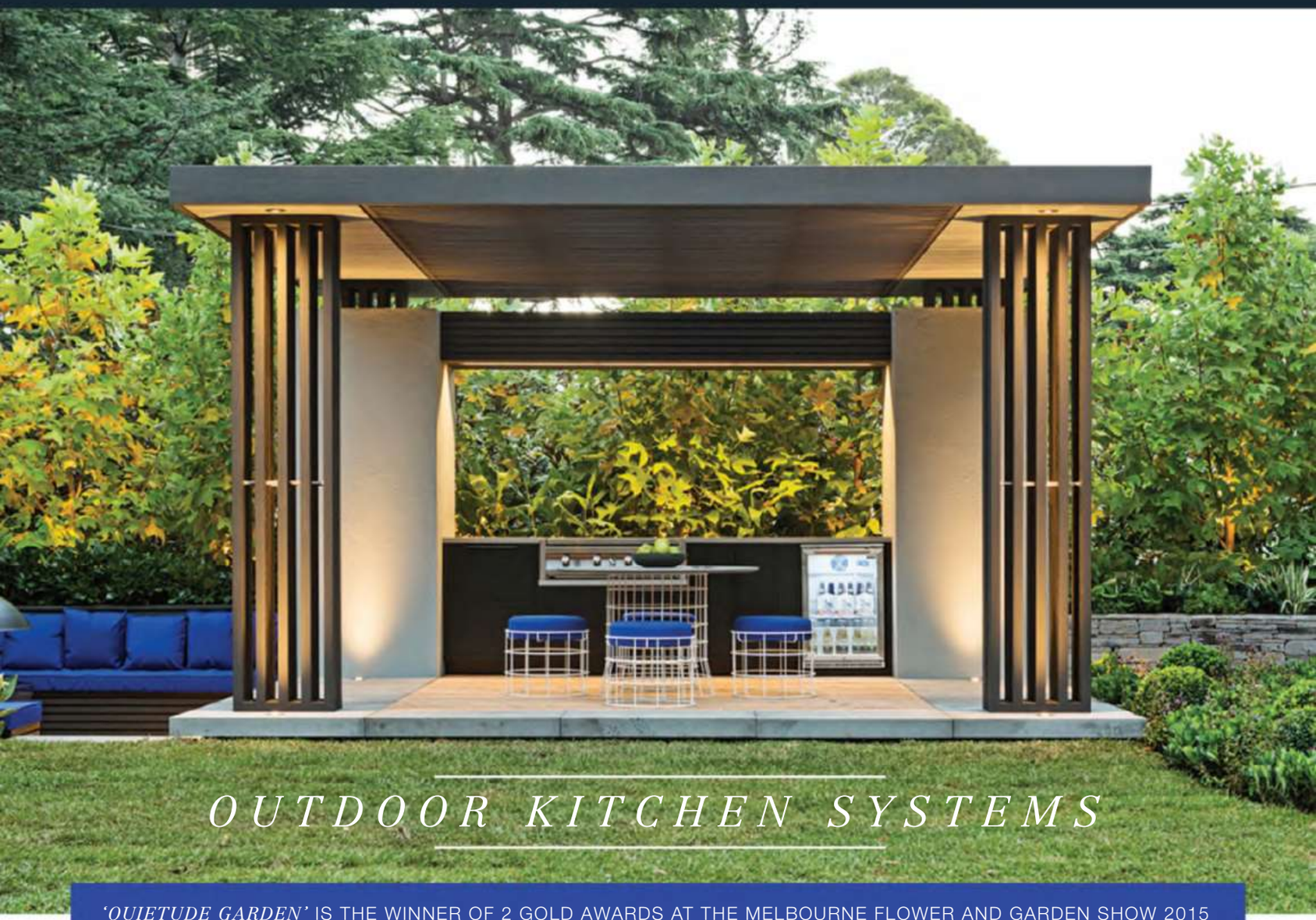
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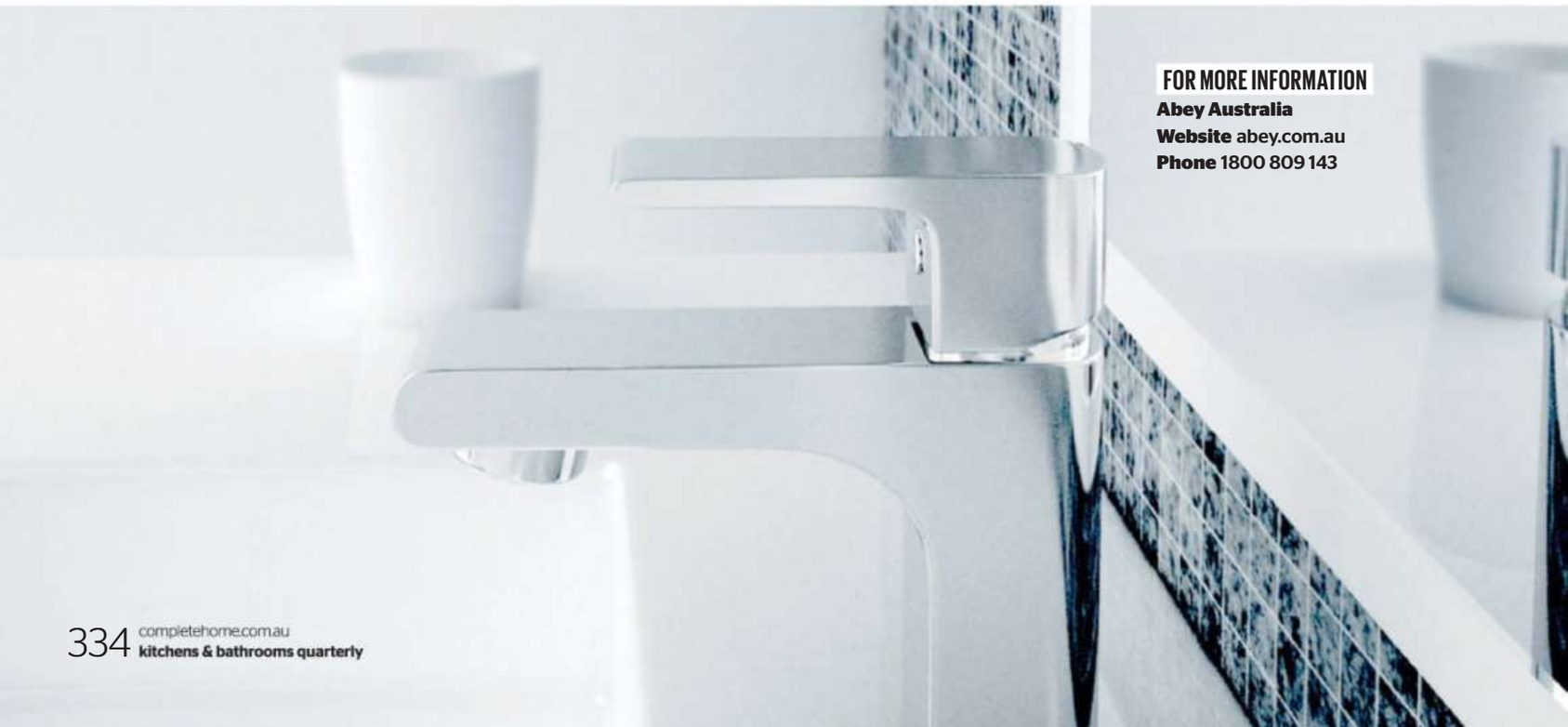
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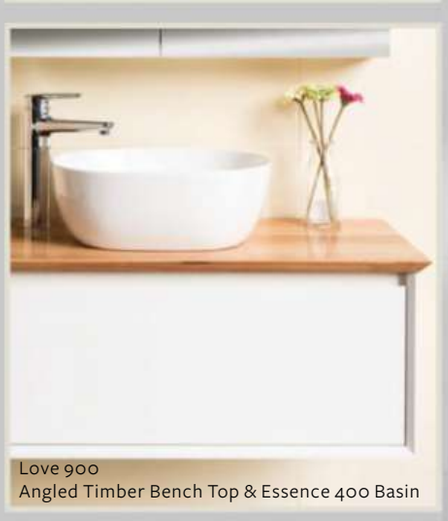
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Smartech's innovative products have many exciting new features including: durable aluminium frame and tracks, compact German twin drive motor system with stainless architectural screws and fittings all of which have been designed to suit the compact of smaller folding cupboards. The smart folding cupboard is designed to suit kitchens, alfresco areas, boardrooms, book shelves, reception desks and kitchen serveries (inside only).

The Smart Folding cupboard can have different building materials which can be applied to the frame even glass. The folding cupboard is designed for 16-18mm timber thickness, the installation set out changes in accordance to the material thickness applied to the front of the frame.

Key Benefits

The benefits of this system, is to create a larger opening designed to lift and rise up out of the way and when the cupboard is closed making the kitchen disappear or whatever is behind. The unique part of the system allows it to be installed on site whilst other cupboards are being installed which allows for an easy transmission to appear giving a new dimension for entertainment.

Dimensions:

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These dimensions are based on the compact 25 series frame design.

Operation

The Smart Folding cupboard is only available in electric operation only, the drive spindle shaft is made from high grade stainless steel which turns smoothly and effortlessly. Designed for a 120kg lifting capacity allows many different building materials to be adapted to this system. The operation is available with up and down wall switch (press and hold) or remote control operation.



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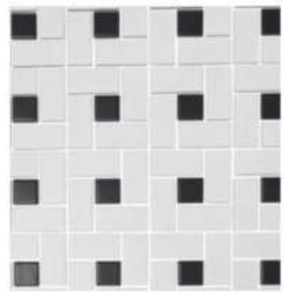
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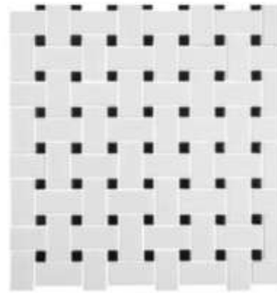
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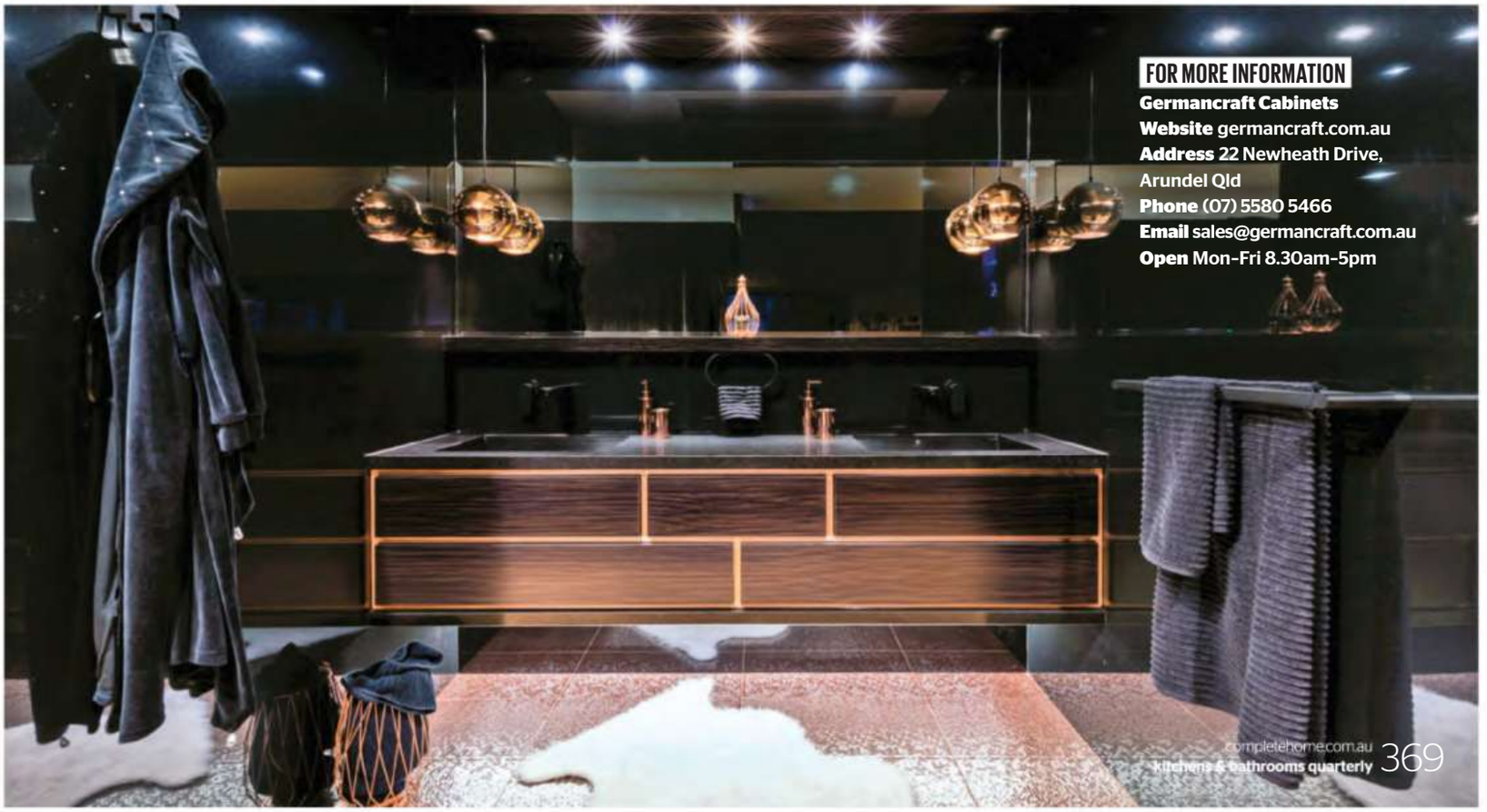
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When it comes to bathroom furniture, Cass Brothers offers an extensive range of free-standing vanities, wall-hung vanities, shaving cabinets and linen cabinets. There's also an impressive collection of under- and above-counter basins, semi-recessed basins, wall basins, inset and free-standing basins. Complement this with tapware and toilets such as three-piece tapware, mixer tapware, shower roses, showers on rails, wall mixers and bath spouts, plus back-to-wall toilets, wall-faced toilets, wall-hung toilets and close-coupled toilets.

Some of the brands on display include Villeroy & Boch, Grohe, Duravit, Kaldewei, Hansgrohe, Parisi, Brodware, Caroma, Zucchetti, Victoria + Albert, Avenir, Marblo, Zip, Hansa, Studio Bagno, Paco Jaanson, Geberit and Abey.

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INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Your kitchen plays a vital role in everyday living. It's for this reason that the team at award-winning firm Jag Kitchens believes personalising your kitchen space is essential to the success of your design. The company boasts more than 25 years' experience designing and executing custom-built kitchens, a history that shows in the quality of its work.

As with any significant purchase, building your dream kitchen can be daunting. From choosing the layout, design and materials to deciding on the finishes and appliances, every aspect requires careful consideration. With so many choices, expert advice is crucial to achieving a result that is functional, stylish and cost-effective.

As you walk through the doors of Jag Kitchens' showroom, this pressure is lifted, with the company's team of experienced consultants ready to guide you through the process. The showroom consultants are experts in fields such as interior design, industrial design and architecture and possess a wealth of industry knowledge.

You don't have to plan an extravagant kitchen to benefit from the design service offered. The company's consultants will walk you through the showroom's nine full-display kitchens and present you with the latest in finishes, hardware and accessories to create a winning recipe for your home's requirements.

Jag's latest showroom display has been designed to explore innovation at the highest level and it enriches passersby with the creative opportunities available. The latest in automated hardware technology has been incorporated throughout the display, where the island top operates via remote control to expose the sink and create an area for seating. A veneer open-shelf unit provides a display of ornaments, then lowers into a cavity to expose a television and appliances such as a toaster and kettle, which electronically lower from the underside of the overhead. Brands stocked include Smeg, Miele, Liebherr, AEG and Hettich.

Jag's expertise is not limited to kitchens alone. The company's flexibility extends to cabinetry for all areas of the home, from entertainment units that cater for the latest in home audio to outdoor kitchens, bars, 'robes, studies and more.

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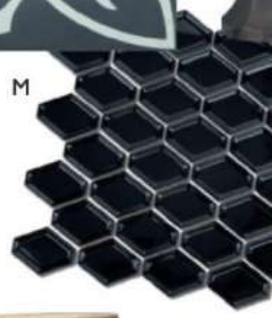


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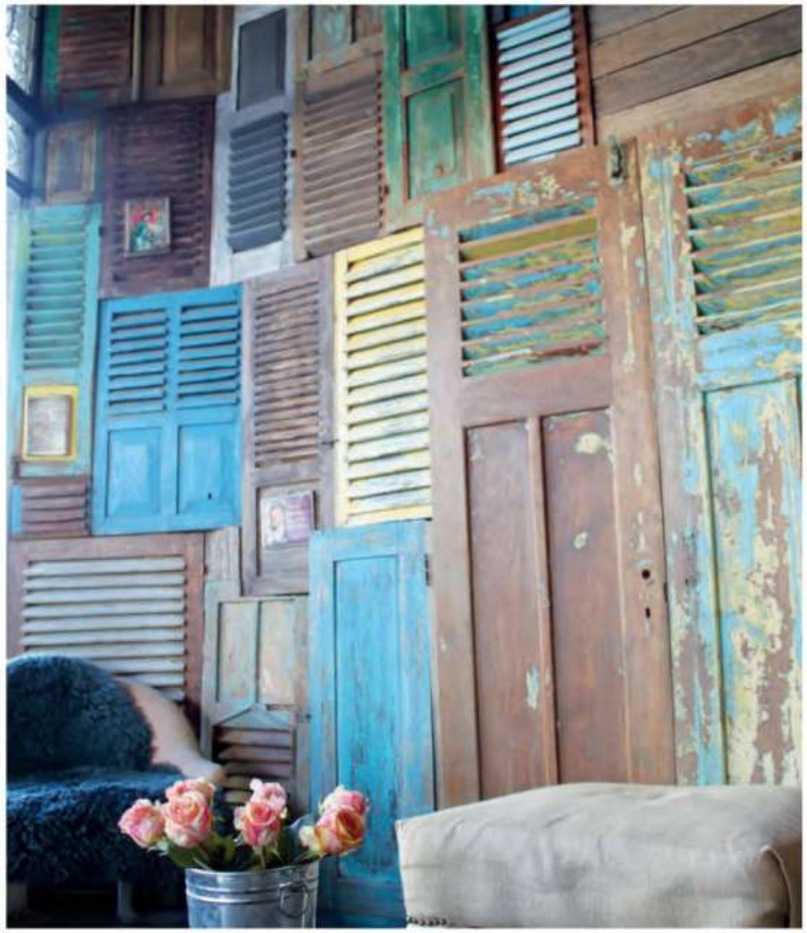
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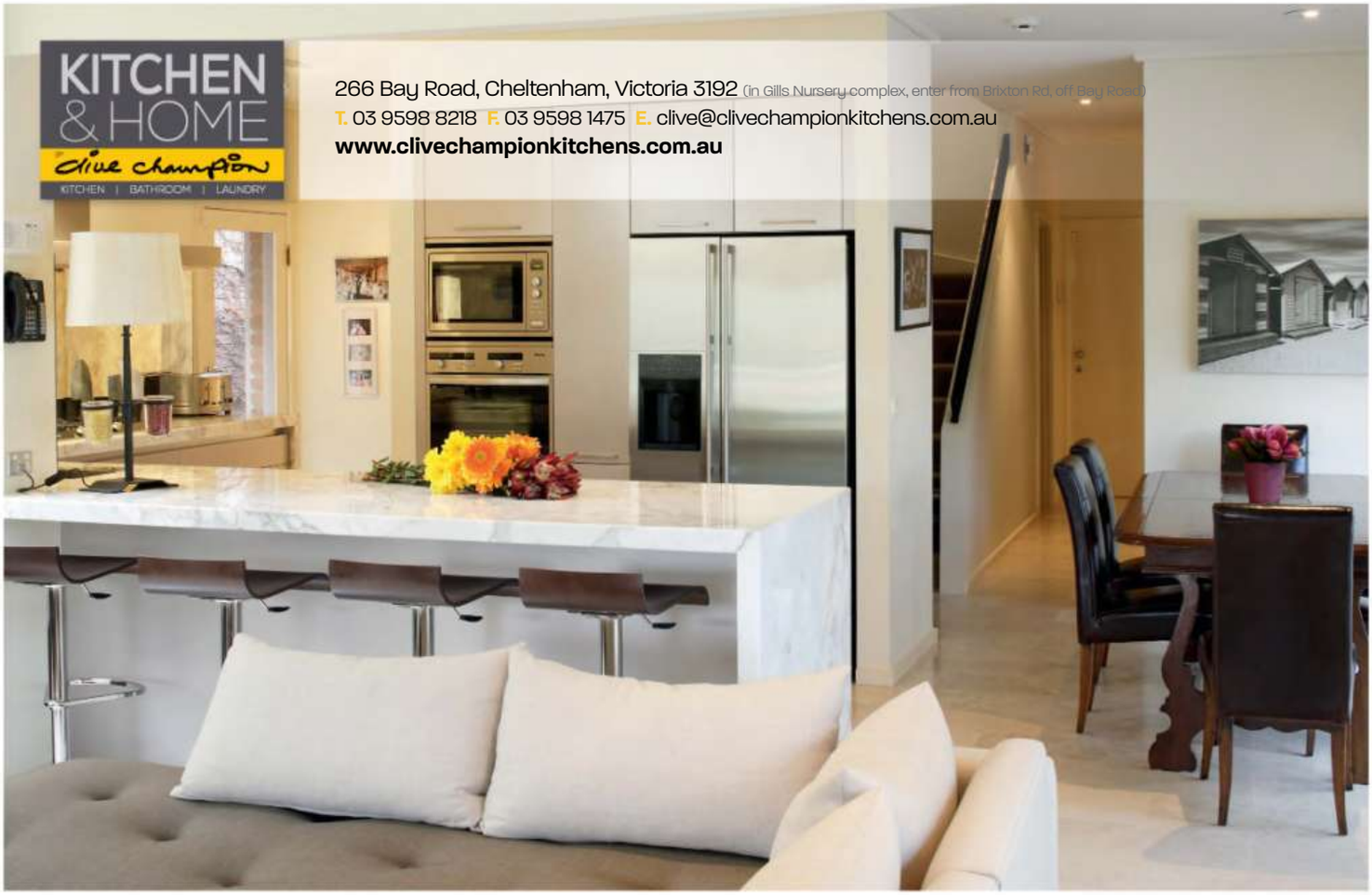
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